

WHEREAS, There is a need for a study to be undertaken by a committee of the Legislative Council to determine if firemen and members of rescue squads should receive training from a commission form as police and correctional officers do or that the present Fire Service Extension Department be continued UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND; and

WHEREAS, If the committee of the Legislative Council determines that a training commission be established for firemen and members of a ~~rescue squad~~ RESCUE SQUADS that consideration be given to implementation legislation and the future of the Fire Service Extension Department; now; therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council initiate a study of the feasibility of establishing a training commission for firemen and members of a ~~rescue squad~~, RESCUE SQUADS, and report its recommendations to the General Assembly of 1973 for either the continuance or modification of existing programs or the establishing of new programs and implementing legislation relating thereto; ; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Approved May 5, 1972.

No. 30

(Senate Joint Resolution 78)

Senate Joint Resolution supporting the Community Mental Health Program of Maryland and urging renewed effort in accord with the Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act of 1966.

WHEREAS, Mental and emotional illness is a major health problem affecting the health, happiness and productivity of hundreds of thousands of Maryland's citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act was enacted in 1966 by unanimous vote of the Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate; and

WHEREAS, The approach to the delivery of services to mentally and emotionally ill people through Community Mental Health Services and facilities has been recognized nationally as well as in Maryland as the most effective method for coping with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The principal objective of the Community Mental Health Program is to reduce the great expense incurred by the State's reliance on an institutional system of care for the mentally ill, and those with related human problems, by utilizing the less expensive community care and facilities program; and

WHEREAS, The total investment by the State in the Community Mental Health Program represents only a beginning toward the implementation of a statewide Community Mental Health system; and