

Approved May 21, 1973.

-----

No. 35

(Senate Joint Resolution 21)

Senate Joint Resolution directing the Department of Natural Resources to take affirmative steps in increasing the mallard ducks on those areas that provide suitable habitat for the mallard ducks.

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and its predecessor, in recent years, have emphasized administration of the Department without too much emphasis being placed on the reseeded of our diminishing stock of mallard ducks; and

WHEREAS, the wetland and grain areas of the State of Maryland are natural habitats for the mallard ducks; and

WHEREAS, the mallard duck population in the State of Maryland has been greatly depleted because of the numerous predators and especially the raccoon, who prey upon duck eggs and young ducklings; and

WHEREAS, mallard ducks can be very easily raised in their natural habitat in the State of Maryland, through the Department of Natural Resources, could be a great benefit to the replenishment of our dwindling supply of mallard ducks native to our area by furnishing selected individuals, conservation groups, Boy Scouts, etc. with ducklings which can be successfully raised under proper protection; and

WHEREAS, conservation is certainly important, but, like a farmer, it is necessary to plant in order to receive a good crop; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Natural Resources make an honest and sincere effort to replenish the mallard duck population by supplying proper people and organizations with young mallard ducklings and mallard ducks in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

Approved May 21, 1973.

-----

No. 36

(Senate Joint Resolution 22)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the [[Joint Budget and Audit Committee]] House Committee on Ways and Means or the Senate Finance Committee be designated by the Legislative Council to undertake a study of the license fees imposed on various activities or businesses.

WHEREAS, The Maryland Tax Study published in 1964 contained detailed listing of various license fees imposed by the State and remitted to the local governments as well as a listing of license fees and charges imposed by local