

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That they commend Lutheran Hospital of Maryland for its leadership in the formation and growth of the REAL Charrette of Baltimore and the efforts it is undertaking to provide a better community for the residents; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Mr. John P. McDaniel, Lutheran Hospital Administrator, 730 Ashburton Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21216 and Mr. Fred [C] Clifton [C] Clifton, Chairman, Victor Bonaparte, Chairman of the Steering Committee, Mr. Ron La Saint and Mr. James Perry, Coordinators, REAL Charrette, Lutheran Hospital, 730 Ashburton Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21216.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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No. 54

(House Joint Resolution 55)

House Joint Resolution calling for the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice to formulate recommendations and guidelines for the storage, destruction, and in court evidentiary use of certificates of these objects held by law enforcement agencies for use in criminal cases.

WHEREAS, recent events have indicated that local law enforcement agencies are in need of stricter custodial regulations regarding evidence awaiting use at trial; and

WHEREAS, drug evidence storage presents not the only problems in custody storage, but larger and other types of objects needed in criminal prosecutions represent a costly storage and security situation; and

WHEREAS, a possible certification of the object and photographing of it might obviate the need for storage and save the taxpayers money and save the law enforcement agencies needed manpower; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice is perfectly constituted and capable to make an in-depth study of this state of affairs and give our local subdivisions recommendations and guidelines on efficient handling and destruction of these objects, while still insuring the evidentiary admissibility of these objects in court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, requests the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice to formulate recommendations and guidelines for the storage, destruction and later evidentiary use in court of certificates of the objects being held by local law enforcement agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, Mr. Arthur G. Murphy, Jr., Chairman and Mr. Richard C. Wertz, Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, Executive Plaza One, Suite 302, Cockeysville, Maryland 21030.