

of Maryland have their blood pressure checked annually. Furthermore, the General Assembly supports the efforts of the Statewide Steering Committee to develop programs for detection, diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management of high blood pressure and will look to this Steering Committee for advice and recommendations on the problem of high blood pressure in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Statewide Steering Committee.

Approved April 8, 1975.

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No. 15

(House Joint Resolution 11)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

State Drinking Water Advisory Council

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [[and the Secretary of the State Department of Natural Resources]] to appoint a [[Joint]] State Drinking Water Advisory Council; and providing for the composition of that Council.

The General Assembly of Maryland recognizes that the recent discovery of possible carcinogenic chemicals in the drinking water supplies of several United States cities has created an awareness that every possible precaution must be exercised to insure that drinking water systems in this State are maintained in a manner that will provide the greatest possible protection and safety to their users.

The President of the United States has recently signed the Safe Drinking Water Act which enhances the ability of the federal government to conduct research into the health effects of contaminants in drinking water. However, the Act delegates most regulatory authority in establishing and enforcing drinking water standards to the states and municipalities.

Since the [[Departments]] Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [[and Natural Resources are both]] is responsible for maintaining the quality of the waters of this State, the [[Secretaries of these Departments]] Secretary of this Department should appoint a joint State