

Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
of the State of Maryland.

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(House Joint Resolution 97)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Evaluation of Average Vehicle Weights

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Department of Transportation to evaluate the likelihood of the significant reduction of average vehicle weights.

WHEREAS, The energy crisis has created an imperative need for economical use of gasoline in Maryland and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle weight is the single most important item affecting fuel economy; and

WHEREAS, The attainment of Air Quality Standards has required ~~[[emission]]~~ emission standards on vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Lighter vehicles tend to meet emission standards with greater ease than heavier vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration has required for certification of transportation planning activities that transportation plans must be consistent with State Air Quality plans; and

WHEREAS, Lessened vehicle weight and size will change highway needs and standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Department of Transportation be requested to evaluate the likelihood of the significant reduction of the average weight of vehicles, both automobiles and trucks, and report its evaluation to the General Assembly by January 1, 1976; and be it further

RESOLVED, The the Maryland Department of Transportation consider the effects of said evaluation on its future plans and projections for highways, including the size thereof, the number of lanes, the standards of