

One of the basic needs of deaf people is: television channels, including special programs designed for deaf audiences and regular programs which could be interpreted or captioned.

[[Regular news programs and 10 percent of the commercial television air time]] Consideration should be given to the proposal that regular news programs, should be captioned or interpreted in the language of Signs for deaf persons, including the captioning or interpreting of all emergency bulletins being aired on television; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body request the State Department of Education and television [[channel 67 to caption]] channels 67, Owings Mill; 31, Hagerstown; 28, Salisbury; and 22, Annapolis to consider the feasibility of captioning or interpreting for the deaf news programs and emergency broadcasts [[and 10 percent of all commercial television air time]] where possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor; Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Dr. James Sensenbaugh, State Superintendent of Schools; [[and]] Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Jr., Executive Director, Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117; and television channels 67, Owings Mill, Maryland; 31, Hagerstown, Maryland; 28, Salisbury, Maryland; and 22, Annapolis, Maryland.

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A House Joint Resolution concerning

Deaf Persons - Television News Broadcasts

FOR the purpose of requesting Congress [[and]] to urge the Federal [[Communications Commission to conduct a study on the feasibility of requiring television networks to provide either signing or captioning of news and emergency broadcasts.]] Ccommunications Commission to promptly consider the adoption of rule amendments which would make possible the implementation of F.C.C. Docket 20693 proposed rules for TV captioning for those with impaired hearing.

Among the major handicapping conditions, deafness is probably the least understood. This is true, at least in part, because of the fact that deafness strikes at one of