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{House Joint Resolution No. 49}

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Economic Impact of Regulatory Boards and Commissions

FOR the purpose of appointing a commission to study the economic impact that State regulatory boards and commissions have on consumers, commerce and industry; providing for appointment of members and requiring a report by a certain date.

It has been a concern of many members of the General Assembly that State regulatory boards and commissions have the power to limit competition in business and industry through the licensing authority and through restrictive regulations.

Many members of the General Assembly are interested in the concept which provides for automatic and periodic elimination of regulatory boards unless they are affirmatively extended by the General Assembly, but believe standards for such an extension or termination must be carefully developed in advance of the consideration of a particular board or agency, and that detailed consideration should be given to the order in which those agencies are brought up for review.

The appearance of bias occurs in many instances because members of some boards and commissions are actively engaged in the business or industry being regulated.

It is important that a study be made of each regulatory board and commission to ascertain the economic impact on consumers resulting from restrictions imposed on a trade or business.

It is equally important to determine if any restriction promulgated by a board or commission has the effect of limiting the number of persons or entities entering a business or trade; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body appoint a Commission to study the economic impact that State regulatory boards and commissions have on consumers, commerce and industry to be composed of 15 members as follows: three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed