

well as other elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, An appropriate sentence may have a deterrent effect on the commission of crimes against the elderly in the future and contribute to a feeling of security among the elderly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Judicial Conference place on the agenda for its next annual meeting a recommendation that all judges consider the age of the victims when imposing sentences on persons convicted of crimes against the elderly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to: Hon. Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland, Chairman, The Maryland Judicial Conference, County Courts Building, Towson, Maryland 21204; and Mr. William H. Adkins II, Executive Secretary, The Maryland Judicial Conference, Administrative Office of the Courts, Court of Appeals Building, 361 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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No. 15

(House Joint Resolution 16)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Department of Human Resources
Emergency Needs Study

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Department of Human Resources undertake a study of a commonly cited area of emergency need and develop a matched funding plan for addressing this need.

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need for emergency assistance for large numbers of citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Wenocur Study found that as many as 180,000 Baltimoreans had to turn for canned goods and emergency food to private church food cupboards in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Over 5,000 customers of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company had their services terminated in February and March 1977 because they could not pay their bills, according to statistics prepared by the Company; and

WHEREAS, Almost 200 families a month are evicted in Baltimore City; and