

WHEREAS, Placing of high voltage power transmission lines underground is a technologically feasible means for reducing residential exposure to ultra-low frequency electromagnetic fields; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Acting Governor are requested to appoint a Commission for the Review of the Siting of Power Transmission Lines. The Speaker, the President, and the Acting Governor shall each appoint five members, at least one and not more than two of whom shall be selected from nominees submitted by the electric utilities of Maryland. The Commission shall elect its Chairran and receive staff support from the Department of Legislative Reference. The Commission shall receive no salary; however, reasonable expenses shall be paid in accordance with the standard practice of the State of Maryland. The Commission is charged to explore the public health risks of residing near high voltage power transmission corridors, to assess the impact to property values of routing overhead transmission corridors through residential communities, and to examine the benefits and costs of placing high voltage lines underground in populated areas. The Commission shall submit its report and recommendations for legislation, if any, to the Acting Governor and to each member of the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1979; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Acting Governor.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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(House Joint Resolution 49)

A House Joint Resoluticn concerning

Telephone Equiprent - Hearing Aid Devices

FOR the purpose of requesting State, county, and municipal governments to prohibit telephone companies from installing in State, county, and municipal properties and facilities certain telephone equipment which prevents persons with hearing aid devices from making use of the telephcne.

In the recent past, the State of Maryland has enunciated the cherished goal of equal opportunity for