

storm equipment.

The use of storm equipment will not only save costs, but will set an energy saving example for the State and its citizens to follow as our supply of energy becomes more scarce and demand for energy does not abate. Additionally, the use of fluorescent lighting fixtures in State buildings in place of electric light bulbs is estimated to produce savings in replacement costs together with reduced energy requirements, and replacement of regular fixtures with fluorescent fixtures should be investigated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That a study should be undertaken to determine the economic feasibility of installing storm equipment on windows and doors of State buildings in downtown Annapolis and considering the conversion of electric light bulb fixtures to fluorescent fixtures in these buildings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mr. John Sikorski, Superintendent, Office of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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No. 36

(House Joint Resolution 69)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Rising Health Care Costs

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to appoint a commission that will seek out ways of containing rising physicians' charges which profoundly affect the State's health care service.

WHEREAS, For the most part, health care expenditures are financed in three ways: (1) Federal and State taxes, (2) Insurance premiums paid by employers or private payers and, (3) Out of pocket payments from the patient; and

WHEREAS, In each case now the payment to the health care industry represents a foregone opportunity. Tax dollars paid to hospitals cannot be used to underwrite new or expanded governmental projects; and

WHEREAS, Employer health insurance payments for the employee body cannot now be used for alternative fringe benefits, higher salaries, or increased industrial