

economic and social benefit from the State's fishing, clamming, and oystering industries; and

WHEREAS, It is vital to these industries that waterways be kept clear of ice so that watermen may continue to work during freezing periods of winter; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Natural Resources is charged with the responsibility of preserving these vital industries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly requests the Department of Natural Resources to form a committee comprised of several members of the Fisheries Administration and several members of local communities who are actively involved in commercial fishing, clamming, and oystering to discuss the problems arising from the freezing of small creeks and waterways in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this committee shall report its findings to the Governor by January 1, 1979; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable James B. Coulter, Secretary of Natural Resources, Taxes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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No. 38

(House Joint Resolution 89)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Tanks Containing Hazardous Materials

FOR the purpose of requesting certain State agencies to conduct a joint study to make certain determinations about State efforts to ensure the safety of tanks containing hazardous materials; and requesting those agencies to make a joint report to the General Assembly no later than a certain date.

It is an unpleasant reality of our technological civilization that many useful and necessary industrial, commercial, and agricultural activities require the use and storage of substances which are explosive or inflammable, produce noxious fumes when exposed to air, or may otherwise present substantial danger to human health and safety or to property if improperly contained. The government of this State has an obligation to ensure that tanks containing hazardous materials are designed, constructed, maintained,