

been given a low priority within the Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only three States that do not have permanent welcome centers; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's neighboring states each spend more than one million dollars on tourist development, taking potential tourist business away from this State; and

WHEREAS, The quick-return out-of-State money generated by tourism is a source of revenue Maryland needs to ease the tax burden; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to appoint a Tourism Advisory Commission consisting of 15 members selected as follows:

(a) One person nominated by the Maryland Association of Travel Executives;

(b) One person nominated by the Maryland Hotel and Motor Inn Association;

(c) One person nominated by the Maryland Association of Campgrounds;

(d) One person nominated by the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce;

~~(e) One person from each of Maryland's seven planning regions; and~~

(e) One person nominated by the Maryland Restaurant Association;

(f) Two members of the Senate nominated by the President of the Senate, and two members of the House of Delegates nominated by the Speaker of the House; and

~~(f) (g) Three~~ Six persons from the public at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission should elect a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary from among themselves, and the Commission should meet four times each year on the call of the Chairman or of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That secretarial assistance for the Commission should be supplied by the Department of Economic and Community Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission should provide the Department of Economic and Community Development with the benefits of the experience and expertise of local tourist