

WHEREAS, Cooperation between jurisdictions is essential to insure that everyone, no matter where they are injured, may receive the best emergency medical care available; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Acting Governor is requested to negotiate a compact between the State of Maryland, and the contiguous jurisdictions to insure that any critically injured person will be evacuated to the nearest appropriate emergency medical facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Acting Governor report to the General Assembly the progress of these negotiations no later than January 1, 1979; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Blair Lee III, Acting Governor.

*Not signed by the Acting Governor.

No. 59*

{House Joint Resolution 76}

A House Joint Resolution concerning

~~Somerset County~~ Compensation
for Lost Property Tax Revenue

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a commission to recommend methods for compensating ~~Somerset County~~ the counties of Maryland for loss of property tax revenues caused by State ownership of land.

The counties of Maryland depend heavily on local property taxes to finance government services. All property owned by the State is removed from a county's tax base. ~~While this puts a fiscal strain on all counties, it has particular impact on Somerset County, and this situation creates a fiscal strain for the affected counties.~~

~~Somerset is a rural county with its roots in the soil. The State of Maryland has acquired over 20,000 acres of land in Somerset County thousands of acres of land throughout the State for recreation facilities, wildlife management, and parks. This land is preserved and held for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of all the citizens of Maryland. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore is another State asset located in Somerset County. People come from all parts of the State to study. Their education benefits and~~