

WHEREAS, Among the most significant findings it was discovered that:

(1) Maryland hospitals are subject to 1,078 different regulatory oversights;

(2) Most regulatory activity is directed at hospital administration and not at the delivery of services to patients;

(3) Basic matters such as waste disposal are regulated by as many as 12 different agencies; and

(4) Regulatory jurisdictions are so vague that not even the hospital department heads who deal with the regulators directly are certain which agency regulates certain areas; and

WHEREAS, Other similar studies conducted on both the federal and local levels give clear indications that these regulations and the effort required to comply with them add substantial costs to the patients' bills; and

WHEREAS, To the extent that unnecessary duplication can be eliminated and the regulation of Maryland hospitals can be simplified, there should be a beneficial impact on the continuing rise in the need for health care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Governor~~ Legislative Policy Committee is requested to appoint a Commission to study all facets of the regulation of hospitals and to recommend ways to eliminate all unnecessary duplication in these regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission consist of 15 members; three members of the Senate of Maryland; three members of the House of Delegates of Maryland; one member representing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; five members representing the hospitals of Maryland; and three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be Chairman of the Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall report its recommendations to the Governor and the ~~General Assembly~~ Legislative Policy Committee by January ~~1980~~ 1981; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor; the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles R. Buck, Jr., Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and the Maryland Hospital Association, 1301 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.