

Governor's Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped, the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the Secretary of State Planning.

Signed May 1, 1979.

No. 24

(House Joint Resolution No. 24)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

"Gasahol" Study Commission

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a study commission to investigate the feasibility of utilizing "Gasahol" as an alternative fuel supply; reporting the findings of the Commission to the Governor by a certain date.

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland can anticipate higher gasoline prices coupled with uncertain gasoline supply levels in the near future; and

WHEREAS, To cope with the anticipated high cost and shortfall in supply of gasoline, alternative fuels are desirable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, A mixture of ethanol and gasoline, popularly called "Gasahol," is currently being studied for use as an alternative fuel for internal combustion engines by the Federal Energy Research and Development Administration; and by the states of California, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Virginia, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ethanol can be distilled from grain and plant root products which are in abundant supply in Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body request the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a "Gasahol" Study Commission to investigate and review the feasibility of utilizing our grain industry to provide additional energy supplies through the use of Gasahol; and to report the findings to the Governor by January 1, 1980; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Wayne Cawley, Secretary of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 1, 1979.
