

No. 25

(House Joint Resolution No. 25)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Deaf or Hearing Impaired - Amplification Systems

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to instruct the appropriate State agency to survey public meeting rooms and make recommendations with regard to which rooms should be equipped with an induction loop amplification system for the benefit of deaf or hearing impaired persons; ~~and requesting the Governor to include an amount sufficient to equip certain rooms with an induction loop amplification system.~~

WHEREAS, Maryland has a sizeable population of deaf or hearing impaired persons; and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the General Assembly to provide equality of services to all Maryland residents; and

WHEREAS, Full participation by deaf or hearing impaired persons at public meetings is precluded by their handicap; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should have an opportunity to participate fully in the governmental processes; and

WHEREAS, Through the use of an induction loop amplification system, a public meeting room can be equipped to allow persons wearing hearing aid devices to hear the business of the meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor instruct an appropriate State agency to survey the meeting rooms in the State most frequently used for public meetings and determine which of these rooms should be equipped with induction loop amplification systems; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the Governor shall include in the 1981 annual budget an amount sufficient to equip the designated meeting rooms with induction loop amplification systems; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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