RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates are urged to appoint a committee to develop rules and regulations to simplify language in consumer contracts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Plain Language Study Committee be comprised of 14 ½5 16 members as follows: one representative of the Maryland Consumer Finance Association, one representative of the Maryland Association of Realtors, one representative of the insurance industry, one representative of the Retail Merchants Association of Maryland, one representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, one representative of the Maryland Bar Association, one representative of the banking industry, one representative of the savings and loan industry, three consumer members from the public sector, two representatives of a County Consumer Protection Office one representative of the Attorney General, one representative of the House of Delegates, and one representative of the Senate of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee should report its recommendations to the 1981 General Assembly and these recommendations when acted upon by the General Assembly should become effective January 1, 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Maryland State Insurance Commissioner, 1 South Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; Mr. Ned McNeal, Executive Vice President, Retail Merchants Association, 300 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; Mr William K. Weaver, Executive Vice President, Maryland Bankers Association, Suite 300, 10 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21203; Mr. Bill Hollins, Maryland Chamber of Commerce, 60 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Mr. Peter Moser, President, Maryland State Bar Association, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1300, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; Mr. William R. Kahn, Treasurer, Maryland Consumer Finance Association, 26 South Calvert Street, Suite 1101, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; Mr. Edgar Hilley, Executive Vice President, Maryland Association of Realtors Inc., Suburban Trust Building, 2083 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor; the Honorable James Clark, President of the Senate; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed April 22, 1980.

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