

WHEREAS, Owners of these horses have complained of the conditions of the track, stables, and living quarters for the employees; and

WHEREAS, There has been active interest and frequent controversy over the years concerning the total availability, quality, and allocation of stall space at licensed racetrack facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, Nearby Frederick in Hanover, Pennsylvania lies the nation's ~~biggest--and--best~~ largest and finest quality standardbred horse and harness training center at Hanover Shoe Farm; and

WHEREAS, With competition so keen at Hanover, it is necessary for the "overflow" there to train somewhere close like Frederick, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Without funds to improve the harness horse training center at Frederick, the economic well-being of one of the traditionally popular sports of this area will be in trouble; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Legislative Policy Committee is requested to establish a commission to study the feasibility of obtaining funds for~~ Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means are urged to include, as part of their interim joint study of the racing industry, the feasibility of improving and expanding the harness racing training center in Frederick, Maryland; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the commission shall be composed of one member of the Agricultural Society Board of Frederick, one member of the Harness Racing Commission, one member of the Frederick City Administration, one member of the Frederick County Commissioners, one member of the Maryland House of Delegates, one member of the Maryland State Senate, one member of the Department of Agriculture, and one member of the Department of State Planning, and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker; the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President; the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor; the Agricultural Society Board of Frederick, E. Patrick St., Frederick, Maryland 21701; ~~the Harness Racing Commission, 701 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Maryland 21202~~ Mr. James Callahan, Executive Secretary, Maryland Racing Commission, 231 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; the Frederick City Administration, City Hall, N. Market St., Frederick, Maryland 21701; and the Frederick County Commissioners, Winchester Hall, Frederick, Maryland 21701, ~~the Department of Agriculture, Parole Plans Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, and the Department of State Planning, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201.~~