

(House Joint Resolution No. 39)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Maryland's Water Supply

FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of Natural Resources to establish a water conservation strategy for the State of Maryland; ~~appointing~~ requesting a commission study to examine the sufficiency of Maryland's water supply for present and future demands; and requiring the ~~commission---to---report---its recommendations--to~~ study to be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by a certain date.

WHEREAS, The Tidewater Virginia area, including the cities of Suffolk, Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, is facing a severe water shortage that has caused restriction on the use of water that has effected personal water consumption, threatened the tourist industry, and slowed economic development; and

WHEREAS, Areas of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York served by the Delaware River Basin are experiencing severe water shortages with reservoir levels at one-third of normal capacity, causing the Mayor of New York to impose mandatory water restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's population is rapidly expanding and the demand for water is rapidly increasing; and

WHEREAS, Water appropriation permits in Maryland are required for most but not all water uses; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-203 of Natural Resources Article requires the Department of Natural Resources to develop a general water resources program which contemplates proper conservation and development of the waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, Water shortages can adversely impact individuals and economic development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources is requested to propose, ~~in-conjunction-with-the-Maryland-Water Supply--and--Conservation--Commission,~~ a water conservation strategy for the State of Maryland by July 1, 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources should update the 1965 Water Supply and Demand Study by July 1, 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Maryland Water Supply and Conservation ~~Commission--shall--be-appointed~~ Study shall be undertaken to examine the water supply in Maryland and to propose water conservation measures, specifically addressing: