

WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends to continue its response to the pressing needs of the citizens of Maryland in this critical issue; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly desires to monitor the State's energy usage and conservation programs in order to make legislative determinations related to these programs with a fuller understanding of existing circumstances and future trends; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Maryland Energy Administration within the Department of Natural Resources to fully analyze Maryland's energy situation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Energy Administration shall report to the General Assembly of Maryland on or before December ~~1-of-each-year,~~ 1981 concerning the status of energy conservation efforts, usage, developments, and suggestions as to how the State legislature can assist in minimizing the impact of energy needs on the citizens of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and James B. Coulter, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 12, 1981.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 9)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Geothermal Resources - Access and Allocation

FOR the purpose of requiring that the Department of Natural Resources review and study the issues of access and allocation of geothermal resources; and providing that the Department report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than a certain date.

WHEREAS, Current energy usage is extensively dependent on fossil fuels which are an exhaustible resource; and

WHEREAS, New supplies of renewable energy, such as geothermal, will be required to meet the State's future energy needs; and