

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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(House Joint Resolution No. 27)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Maryland Forestland

FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to review and evaluate management and taxation of Maryland forestland and to recommend measures to optimize use and preservation of these resources in Maryland; providing for the makeup of the task force; and requiring that a presentation of the findings be given by a certain date.

WHEREAS, 90 percent of Maryland's forestlands are in private ownership and the State's citizens increasingly demand numerous benefits from those lands, including wood fiber, wood fuel, recreation, wildlife, watershed, wilderness and open space; and

WHEREAS, The forests of Maryland provide an important indigenous renewable energy resource and deserve recognition and management as an integral element of our State's renewable energy base; and

WHEREAS, Forestland is an exhaustible resource of the State which, once removed from forestland-use, will take many years, if ever, to recover; and

WHEREAS, While approximately 2.5 million acres (40 percent) of Maryland's total land area is commercial