

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body requests the President of the United States and the Congress to extend the 1965 Voting Rights Act until 1992 and to amend Section 2 of the Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States; Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representative Peter W. Rodino, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Harry Hughes, the Governor of Maryland; and the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Michael D. Barnes, Beverly B. Byron, Royden P. Dyson, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, and Parren J. Mitchell, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 20, 1982.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 13)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Diving for Oysters

FOR the purpose of requesting the appointment of a committee to study and investigate the use of certain diving techniques on the population of oysters in the Chesapeake Bay and other waters of this State and the need for safety regulations for these divers.

WHEREAS, The harvesting of oysters by means of self-contained underwater breathing apparatus diving or other diving techniques is a new industry that is growing in the Chesapeake Bay and other waters of this State; and

WHEREAS, A diver drowned in the fall of 1981 because of a mechanical failure of his diving equipment while he was diving for oysters in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, There is concern that the new diving industry could completely deplete the supply of seed oysters because the efficiency of divers is greater than the old methods of taking oysters by tong and dredge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee are requested to establish a committee to study and investigate: (1) the need for safety regulations to govern the harvesting of