

WHEREAS, The residue of crab waste can cause health problems and generally are noxious and unsightly when used in landfills ~~in Somerset and Dorchester counties~~; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing problem of how to dispose of the residue of crab waste; and

WHEREAS, The current use of disposal sites and landfills for crab waste causes more problems than it solves in Somerset and Dorchester counties; and

WHEREAS, Time is of the essence in finding a solution to this serious problem; and

WHEREAS, There may be great economic and environmental value in the use of crab waste as a fertilizer or as a source of food for chickens or fish, crustaceans, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, The disposal of crab waste into the certain restricted waters of this State could add to the food chain and solve the difficult problem of disposing of crab waste in landfills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor Legislative Policy Committee is requested to establish a Commission to study and investigate safe, alternative ways of disposing of the residue of crab waste as a fertilizer, as a compost, as a source of food for chickens or other animals, and in the waters of this State in place of the current method of using landfills and other disposal sites in Somerset and Dorchester counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission be composed of:

(1) 2 members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and 2 members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) A representative of each of the following departments, appointed by the Secretary of the appropriate department:

(i) Department of Agriculture;

(ii) Department of Economic and Community Development;

(iii) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

(iv) Department of Natural Resources; ~~and be it further~~