

waters; is a potential threat to human health, animal health, and plant growth; and is a potential nuisance to communities adjacent to a site where sewage sludge is being utilized or disposed; and

WHEREAS, Utilization and disposal of sewage sludge may impact future land uses in this State; and

WHEREAS, Short and long-term sewage sludge management options must be considered immediately to assure that adverse environmental impacts do not occur; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Commission to study the utilization and disposal of sewage sludges and to recommend a public policy for the short and long-term utilization and disposal of sewage sludge; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall include in its study:

(1) Sewage sludge utilization and disposal options and the environmental and public health impacts of these alternative options;

(2) The impacts of sewage sludge management options on future land use in this State;

(3) Definitions of the responsibilities of State and local governments in the utilization and disposal of sewage sludge;

(4) The need for construction of advanced treatment and disposal facilities;

(5) The feasibility of pretreatment of wastes to lower the amount of heavy metals and hydrocarbons that may exist in certain sewage sludges;

(6) The need for financial incentives to local government or private industry for waste treatment and disposal facilities;

(7) Methods for the tracking of wastes, including a system of invoicing wastes into and out of a waste disposal facility;

(8) The advisability of a public policy allowing sewage sludge to be spread on agricultural land which may make that land unsuitable for food chain crops; and

(9) Recommendations for the effective enforcement of permit requirements and restrictions concerning the landspreading of sewage sludge; and