

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, There is a lack of facilities for liver transplants in this State; and

WHEREAS, There is a lack of public awareness of the need for organ donors in this State; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for both a centralized information source on willing donors in this State and a means of providing persons in need of transplants with information on how to raise money for the transplant; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has a program to facilitate organ transplants which may be a useful model for this State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a commission to study the facilitation of liver and other anatomical organ transplants; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission be composed of:

- (1) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland;
- (2) 2 members of the House of Delegates;
- (3) 1 representative each from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, and the Office of the Governor; and
- (4) 1 member of the Maryland Organ Procurement Center;
- (5) 2 surgeons from this State skilled in transplant surgery; and

~~(4)~~ (6) 8 members of the public, at least 4 of whom have, or have had, an immediate family member who required an organ transplant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor shall designate the chairman of the commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings to the Governor and to the General Assembly by January 1, 1985; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland.

Signed May 15, 1984.
