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No. 5

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 25)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Groundwater Protection

FOR the purpose of ~~requesting--the--Governor--to--designate--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene--as--the--lead--agency--in--the--State--concerning--groundwater--protection;~~ providing certain purposes concerning groundwater protection for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources; ~~providing---for---the---establishment---of---an---Interagency--Coordinating--Council--for--Groundwater--Protection;--providing--for--the--membership--and--functions--of--the--Council;--providing--for--a--monitoring--and--testing--program--for--certain--groundwaters;--providing--for--the--implementation--of--this--program--on--a--certain--date;~~ providing for the contents and methods of the program implementing a strategy for groundwater protection; providing for reports under this Resolution on certain dates; and generally relating to administrative monitoring of groundwater in the State for certain protection purposes.

WHEREAS, There is a need to protect the groundwater supplies of Maryland from contamination and depletion; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be a comprehensive approach to the development and implementation of a groundwater protection management strategy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Governor--is--requested-~~

~~(1)--To--designate--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene---as--the--lead--agency--in--the--State--for--developing,--coordinating,--and--planning--groundwater--protection--policies,--programs,--and--strategies--in--the--State,~~

~~(2)--To--require~~ the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources and any other appropriate units of State government ~~to~~ work cooperatively with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene which is the lead agency for groundwater protection in the State, in the development, coordination, and planning of groundwater protection policies, programs, and strategies in the State; and be it further