

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the causes of building fire deaths, the contribution of building materials and furnishings in fire deaths, the safety of these materials and furnishings, the current state of the art of hazard analysis, that includes the combustibility (i.e., ease of ignition), rate of heat release, smoke development and products of combustion toxicity; the effectiveness of protection devices such as quick response sprinklers, and current research being conducted to reduce the fire death rate; and, if appropriate, shall recommend to the General Assembly, by no later than January 1, 1987, changes in regulations and legislation it considers necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1987; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the staff of the Task Force be provided by the Governor's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with State Standard Travel Regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; and Rocco J. Gabriele, State Fire Marshal, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Signed May 21, 1985.

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No. 18

(House Joint Resolution No. 36)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Hazardous Substances - Amnesty Days Program

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Environmental Service, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to study the feasibility of developing an amnesty days program.

WHEREAS, Many citizens of this State have small quantities of hazardous substances in their possession; and

WHEREAS, Improper disposal of these substances poses a potential threat to the land and water resources of this State and the health of the citizens of this State; and