

WHEREAS, The waiting lists for residential facilities and day activity programs for these populations are expected to grow at an estimated average rate of 240 and 330, respectively, per year; and

WHEREAS, The MRDDA has documented the identity and needs of people currently awaiting these services; and

WHEREAS, Many of those on the waiting list are in critical need of placement because parents who are in their sixties and seventies can no longer manage to care for the handicapped family member; and

WHEREAS, Program expansion to respond to the magnitude of the waiting list has been limited because there is no plan to identify and secure the required financial resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning is directed to develop and submit to the General Assembly by November 1, 1985 a 5-year plan, beginning with fiscal year 1986, ~~to secure the necessary fiscal resources~~ 1987, to identify the level of fiscal resources necessary to implement the plans for program expansion as prepared by the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability Administration and as such plans may be amended from time to time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Legislative Reference send a copy of this Resolution to Dr. H. Louis Stettler, III, Secretary, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, State Treasury Building, 4th Floor, Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 21, 1985.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 60)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Doctors of Veterinary Medicine

FOR the purpose of commending Maryland's veterinarians for their service to the State's equine and livestock industries and to the pets of the State's citizens.

WHEREAS, The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is an integral partner in the equine and livestock industries in the State of Maryland, providing diagnosis, treatment, preventive medicine and research on animal disease problems; and