

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the task force be provided by the Department of Legislative Reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William K. Hellmann, Secretary, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 8755, BWI Airport, Baltimore, MD 21240; the Honorable Torrey C. Brown, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Bldg., Annapolis, MD 21401; the Honorable Adele Wilzack, Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; 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 Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland, and the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 13, 1986.

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No. 19

(House Joint Resolution No. 45)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

~~Department of Transportation --- Highways --- Salt~~

~~FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of Transportation to study the economic and environmental impact of using salt to remove ice from highways and to evaluate and recommend alternatives;~~

~~WHEREAS, Public safety and the free flow of commerce require that highways be maintained free of dangerous ice and snow; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State currently uses potentially dangerous deicing salts to remove ice and snow from highways; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The use of salt for deicing highways has been found to have a severe environmental impact, including destruction of roadside soils and vegetation, contamination of surface and groundwater supplies, and the disruption of aquatic ecosystems; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The use of salt causes a negative economic impact, including the costs of replacing damaged vegetation, corroded~~