

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle brake linings in the past often contained asbestos; and

WHEREAS, Automobile mechanics who repaired brakes containing asbestos often were directly exposed to asbestos that was in a worn condition and that is particularly hazardous to health; and

WHEREAS, Some automobile mechanics who were exposed to asbestos are unaware of the symptoms of asbestos-related diseases and require periodic medical examinations to detect the presence of asbestos-related disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Commission to study the ~~issue--of--funding-by-the-automobile-industry-of-periodic-medical-examinations-of-automobile-mechanics-to-detect--the--presence--of-asbestos-related--disease~~ problem of auto mechanics being exposed to asbestos and the development of prevention and intervention strategies, including education, work practices, medical examinations, and their financial impact, to reduce the risk of auto mechanics incurring diseases caused by inhalation of asbestos; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission be composed of:

(1) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(3) an automobile mechanic, a representative of the automobile industry, a representative of the medical profession, and a member of the general public who does not have a financial or business interest in the automobile industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the Chairman of the Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 1987; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the Commission be provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to Adele Wilzack, Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry