

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources will provide administrative staff support to the Committee and will include a report of the Committee's activities in the Department's annual striped bass report; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable Torrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, who is requested to forward copies of this Resolution to each of the members of the Committee.

Signed May 14, 1987.

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No. 11

(House Joint Resolution No. 24)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Radon

FOR the purpose of determining requesting the Governor to establish a Task Force to determine the extent of the radon problem in Maryland and; developing an appropriate course of action for the State to take regarding radon; and requesting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a certain radon survey throughout the State.

WHEREAS, Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive element found in soil and rocks that make up the earth's crust; and

WHEREAS, Radon, an invisible, colorless, odorless gas, dissipates in the air but is dangerous indoors; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies have shown that radon, leaking up from the soil and into homes through cracks and poorly sealed joints, presents a very serious health risk; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient doses of radon can produce lung cancer in humans; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that radon is responsible for most of the lung cancer risk to the general nonsmoking public; and