

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

WHEREAS, The goal of a comprehensive trauma rehabilitation services program is to improve the health and welfare of injured individuals, by assisting those individuals in attaining their maximum physical, psychological, and social potential in order to enable them to engage in useful and productive work; and

WHEREAS, The rehabilitation process involves the coordination and delivery of services to disabled individuals from medical specialists, social workers, and counselors, and other rehabilitation personnel involved with community-based rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, Various studies and initiatives have been undertaken that provide data on the needs and demographics of disabled individuals, and practical methods of service delivery, program evaluation, and funding to enable the development of a comprehensive trauma rehabilitation services program; and

WHEREAS, As a means of developing a comprehensive trauma rehabilitation services program, that will enable a disabled individual to regain as high a level of productivity as possible, resources need to be coordinated between and among the various care providers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a coordinating council to: develop a comprehensive rehabilitation services program for individuals who have experienced traumatic injuries; document needs and establish priorities; develop funding methods; and provide for the objective development of a public agenda for the coordination of trauma rehabilitation efforts in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the coordinating council be composed of ~~-14-~~
20 21 members, appointed as follows:

(1) 1 representative from the Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation;

(2) 1 representative from the Maryland Head Injury Foundation;

(3) 1 representative from the Spinal Cord Injury Network;

~~-(3)-~~ (4) 1 representative, specialized in rehabilitation medicine, from the University of Maryland;

~~-(4)-~~ (5) 1 representative from the ~~Developmental Disabilities Administration~~ of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;