

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and the Honorable J. Hugh Nichols, Chairperson, Regional Planning Council, 2225 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218; 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.

Signed June 2, 1987.

No. 18

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 20)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Operators of Passenger Trains and Buses - Yearly Check
of Traffic Violation Records

FOR the purpose of requesting the United States Secretary of Transportation to adopt the necessary regulations that require a yearly check of the traffic violation records of those who operate passenger trains and buses on the rails and highways of the United States.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is dedicated to providing safe travel for those who ride passenger trains and buses in this State; and

WHEREAS, An Amtrak train collision recently occurred in this State, killing 16 persons and injured more than 170 persons; and

WHEREAS, Safety officials investigating the recent Amtrak train collision have discovered that an engineer involved in the collision has a history of traffic violations including speeding convictions and license suspension; and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore and Washington transit authorities do consider their transit operator's traffic violation records when hiring or suspending the operators; and

WHEREAS, There are no current federal regulations that mandate checks of the traffic violation records of passenger train or bus operators; and