

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Charles L. Benton, Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the Honorable Tyras S. Athey, Secretary of State, and Edward L. Athey, President, State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

Signed May 26, 1994.

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**Joint Resolution No. 5**

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 8)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

**New Vehicle Vehicles – Retail Sales and Consumer Leasing – Taxes**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Fiscal Services to prepare a report on the effects of the sales and use tax and the motor vehicle excise tax applied to retail consumer leases ~~and~~, the revenues generated or lost by these taxes, and the effects of leasing on vehicle sales and related tax revenues; specifying that the report include certain information relating to the sale and leasing of vehicles and the fiscal effects of eliminating the sales and use tax and the motor vehicle excise tax on lease vehicles; and generally relating to the sale and leasing of new vehicles.

WHEREAS, New vehicle retail consumer leasing has become an increasingly viable alternative to purchasing; and

WHEREAS, Leasing as a percent of new vehicle retail sales has grown dramatically in the United States and states which border Maryland; and...

WHEREAS, State laws may be inhibiting a similar rate of growth in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, This inhibited rate of growth may be denying the State of Maryland long-term tax revenue opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Fiscal Services shall prepare a report ~~on~~ examining the effects of that the sales and use tax and the motor vehicle excise tax applied to retail consumer leases and has on the revenues generated or lost by these taxes; and on the sale of vehicles and the revenue generated from vehicle sales; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in preparing the report, the Department of Fiscal Services may request information from any of the following sources:

- (1) The Office of the Comptroller;
- (2) The Department of Transportation;
- (3) The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning;