

Joint Resolution No. 5

(House Joint Resolution No. 13)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Ozone Transport Assessment Group - Requiring Membership of State Elected Officials

FOR the purpose of requesting the addition of a certain number of elected officials from the states and territories to the membership of the Ozone Transport Assessment Group.

WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group, established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, is a partnership among EPA, the Environmental Council of the States, and other industry and environmental groups; and

WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group is preparing to make policy recommendations, in 1997, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state governmental officials, including Maryland's, regarding the regulation of ozone transport in the eastern United States; and

WHEREAS, The participation of state elected officials is essential to the formulation of policy recommendations that will ultimately affect state efforts to comply with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including state transportation, environmental, and natural resources programs; and

~~WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group's recommendations may result in more stringent regulation of emissions than required under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; now, therefore, be it~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Ozone Transport Assessment Group be required to include one voting member from the legislature of each of the 50 states and each of the territories states represented by members of the Ozone Transport Assessment Group; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That Maryland State agencies, including the Maryland Department of the Environment, may not adopt Ozone Transport Assessment Group recommendations, by rule or regulation, without additional legislative authorization; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460; the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107; The Ozone Transport Assessment Group, c/o Mary A. Gade, Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, IL 62706; the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224; and the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building,