

(2) Report their recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Task Force by September 1, 1992; and be it further

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 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 May 12, 1992.

Joint Resolution No. 4

(House Joint Resolution No. 13)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Controlled Dangerous Substances – Suspension of Driver's Licenses

FOR the purpose of bringing the State into compliance with Federal Public Law 101-516 by stating the General Assembly's opposition to the suspension of driver's licenses for drug convictions; urging the Governor to certify to the federal government his opposition to a law requiring the suspension of driver's licenses for drug convictions; and generally relating to the suspension of driver's licenses for drug convictions.

WHEREAS, Federal Public Law 101-516 requires the states either to enact and enforce a law requiring in all cases ~~without exception~~, absent extraordinary circumstances, the mandatory suspension of driver's licenses for any drug-related conviction, ~~including even dispositions under Article 27, Section 641~~, or for the state legislature and governor to oppose the enactment of such a law; and

WHEREAS, Failure to comply with this law will result in the loss of federal highway funds for the State; and

WHEREAS, The State is currently in a budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that complying with Public Law 101-516 by suspending driver's licenses for drug convictions will cost the State well over \$2 million, including costs to the Motor Vehicle Administration, the Office of Public Defender, and to the courts; and

WHEREAS, There is no funding being provided by the federal government to suspend driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, By the passage of this House Joint Resolution and by the certification by the Governor of Maryland the State of Maryland will suffer no diminution of federal highway funds and also avoid the great expense of enforcement; and