

WHEREAS, Spending money to suspend driver's licenses can only result in deeper cuts to other vital State services, causing further harm to the health, safety, and welfare to the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, The loss of a driver's license has a more severe impact in the rural areas of the State where there is no mass transit, causing increased hardship for people in these areas; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has consistently opposed using driver's license suspensions as a sanction for activities unrelated to driving or improper use of the license; and

WHEREAS, Maryland currently has a vast array of laws designed to deter and punish both drug dealers and casual users, including laws providing for the loss of professional licenses, drug-free school zones, strict forfeiture provisions, money laundering prohibitions, drug kingpin legislation, and possible loss of State employment, in addition to the possibility of fines and imprisonment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly opposes the mandatory suspension of driver's licenses for drug convictions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges Governor William Donald Schaefer to comply with the provisions of Public Law 101-516 by certifying his opposition to the enactment of a law requiring driver's license suspensions for drug convictions and forwarding a copy of this Resolution to the federal government certifying the opposition of the General Assembly to such a law; 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.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Helen Delich Bentley, Benjamin L. Cardin, C. Thomas McMillen, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Kweisi Mfume, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 12, 1992.