

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of Maryland be requested to abolish the Governor's Interdepartmental Council and Advisory Committee on the Handicapped and appoint a commission to study the needs of the handicapped; and, be it further

*Resolved,* That the Commission be composed of not more than fifteen members, including representatives of the medical and teaching professions, State and local administrative agencies, interested voluntary organizations and the General Assembly of Maryland; and, be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution are sent (under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland) to the Governor of Maryland and to the Governor's Interdepartmental Council and Advisory Committee on the Handicapped.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 30

(House Joint Resolution 22)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Department of Natural Resources to undertake a study of the problems of supply and availability of mineral resources and the parallel problem of ways of minimizing the effects of surface mining on the environment.

WHEREAS, Maryland is experiencing unprecedented growth in population necessitating an ever-increasing amount of land for housing and development; and

WHEREAS, This growth demands an ever-increasing supply of mineral resources as raw materials in housing, schools, roads and industrial applications; and

WHEREAS, There is a finite supply of mineral resources and useable minerals are found only in geologically favorable terrains; and

WHEREAS, Surface mining of minerals and other land uses are frequently in conflict with one another resulting in many cases with the pre-emption of one use by the other; and

WHEREAS, Such pre-emption by other land uses is probably eliminating much more mineral land ~~that~~ than is being depleted by extraction; and

WHEREAS, Surface mining by its very nature requires the disturbance of the ground, sometimes producing deleterious off-site effects; and

WHEREAS, No State-wide laws are now in effect with regard to the regulation of the surface mining industry, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COAL; now, therefore, be it