

WHEREAS, A State Mediation Board would be a sensible, practical means of aiding the resolution of labor problems; and

WHEREAS, The Board composed of full-time professional mediators could aid in negotiations, maintain a grievance arbitration panel and resolve other questions which might arise in labor areas, both private and public; and

WHEREAS, The Board would mutually benefit public and private sectors; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the establishment of a State Mediation Board be considered and that the Governor be requested to appoint a commission to study the creation of the Board. The commission shall consist of 4 members of the General Assembly and 4 persons appointed by the Governor who are familiar with the area of labor; all of whom shall serve without pay but who shall receive reimbursement for their actual, necessary expenses. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1972 session of the General Assembly.*

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No. 42

(House Joint Resolution 80)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Maryland Historical Trust to study the feasibility of converting existing overhead electric and communication facilities to underground locations in local and State historical areas.

WHEREAS, There has been much interest in recent years regarding the conversion of overhead electric and communication facilities to underground locations and in locating all such new facilities underground through the State; and

WHEREAS, There has been progress in this area with the advent of provisions in the Public Service Commission Law relating to special assessment proceedings and the planning of some subdivisions for the installation of underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, The beauty and gracefulness of many of our treasured local and State historical areas is blighted with unsightly overhead lines which spring up in the name of progress well after the establishment of these landmarks; and

WHEREAS, Local and State preservation groups have worked long and hard in the restoration of historical areas, but because of the nature and cost of conversion of overhead facilities, this problem is beyond their present capability to remedy; and

WHEREAS, The preservation and maintenance of historical areas is a legitimate State interest because of their value for recreation, tourism and education; now, therefore, be it