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(House Joint Resolution 13)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Trapping Advisory Commission

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Wildlife Administration to continue the Trapping Advisory Commission for two additional years.

The General Assembly in 1975 by Senate Joint Resolution 46 requested the Maryland Wildlife Commission to evaluate and review new methods of trapping devices.

The Joint Resolution directed that the membership of the Trapping Advisory Commission have representatives of the fur and trapping industry, humane organizations in the State, and the Wildlife Administration. They were directed to meet and discuss all aspects of trapping and trapping devices.

This special commission has met on a regular basis since its creation. During the interim period of 1977, the Commission met regularly with a subcommittee of the House Environmental Matters Committee. As a result of these meetings, bills are being presented to the General Assembly for the 1978 Session.

Among the bills being presented, one bill will provide for licensing of trappers, and, by 1980, will require that licensees demonstrate competence in trapping before being licensed. This will require establishment of a training course for prospective trappers.

The Trapping Advisory Commission would provide invaluable assistance in the planning and establishment of the proposed training course; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Wildlife Administration be requested to continue the existence of the Trapping Advisory Commission for an additional two years, or until the proposed training course for trappers is in existence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Bernard F. Halla, Director of the Wildlife Administration at the Department of Natural Resources in Annapolis, with a request that he distribute copies to the members of the