

## A House Joint Resolution concerning

## Study Commission on Permits and Licenses

FOR the purpose of requesting the Acting Governor to appoint a commission to study permits, licenses and registrations required from Maryland businesses and make recommendations for consolidation and simplification.

WHEREAS, There is continuing concern with the number, complexity and overlap of registrations, permits and licenses required for various types of business activity, a problem which is particularly onerous for small business; and

WHEREAS, Business persons attending the most recent conference on economic development sponsored by the Department of Economic and Community Development identified this problem as an impediment to business growth; and

WHEREAS, As far as State and local government are concerned, the problem is partially within the control of the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Acting Governor is requested to appoint a Study Commission on Permits and Licenses to consist of three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Delegates, one representative of the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce, one representative of labor organizations, one consumer representative, and two members from the public at large, and, as ex officio, nonvoting members, the Secretaries or their designees of the Departments of Licensing and Regulation, Natural Resources, Health and Mental Hygiene, and Economic and Community Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission study required registrations, permits, and licenses for new businesses, existing businesses, and expansion of business activities; consider the feasibility of legislative proposals such as that in the State of Washington to simplify and consolidate registration and licensing requirements; review current State forms and applications required of business with a view to their reduction and simplification; review the operations of the consolidated permit procedures provided by Article 78A, Sections 56 through 66, with a view to its improvement and more effective utilization; and study the use of multi-service centers as a means to simplify the burden on small business of compliance with State and local requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall issue a report of its findings, together with any legislative recommendations, by February 1, 1979; and be it further