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(House Joint Resolution No. 79)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Coal Fired Boilers

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to review existing rules and regulations that limit the size of coal fired boilers.

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to adopt in the near future new national ambient air quality standards for inhalable particulates; and

WHEREAS, Reduced reliance on foreign petroleum requires greater utilization of native fuels; and

WHEREAS, Coal producers and distributors in this State have the capacity to meet increased commercial, industrial, and institutional energy needs; and

WHEREAS, The atmospheric dispersion characteristics of many areas in this State provide ample dilution of pollutants that are emitted from smoke stacks; and

WHEREAS, Considerable experience has been gained in the design and use of compact pollution control equipment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is requested to review all existing rules and regulations that limit the size of coal fired boilers for the possibility of removing their restrictions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene report his findings to the Legislative Policy Committee by December 1, 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Charles R. Buck, Jr., Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, 5th floor, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

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