

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; to the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; and to the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; to Mr. Rocco Gabrielle, Maryland State Fire Marshal, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Md. 21201; to the Maryland State Fireman's Association, 4100 71st Avenue, Landover Hills, Md. 20784; and to the fire chief of each county fire department of the State.

Signed May 15, 1984.

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No. 15

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 52)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Study Group - Lead-Based-~~Paint~~ Poisoning

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conduct hearings and otherwise study the problem of lead poisoning, develop strategies to abate the problem and report its findings to the General Assembly by a certain date.

WHEREAS, The existence of lead-based-paint poisoning has been acknowledged to be a serious statewide problem; and

WHEREAS, The cost of lead ~~paint poisoning~~ abatement is far lower than the social, medical, and educational costs incurred by the taxpayers and the State to treat and respond to the effects of lead ~~paint poisoning~~; and

WHEREAS, Even low level lead intake can cause brain damage in children with the resultant learning dysfunction, intellectual impairment, and emotional and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene estimates indicate that 6,000 children in Baltimore City alone suffer from elevated lead intake levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is requested to conduct hearings and to otherwise study the issue of lead ~~paint poisoning~~, and to develop strategies for the abatement of this serious problem; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the findings of any hearings conducted by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene be presented in a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 1984; and be it further