

WHEREAS, In past years the same citizens of Harford County have been asked to serve from time to time on boards and agencies of the county by appointment of the County Commissioners and they have often been appointed to serve on more than one board or agency; and

WHEREAS, During these years those citizens who have served on county boards and agencies have had more responsibility placed upon them than the county should ask of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Harford County is growing rapidly in population and this growth causes a need for greater and broader citizen participation in county government; and

WHEREAS, The participation in county affairs of citizens with special knowledge who have not previously served the county ought to be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, Such broadened citizen participation will provide services for and attention to some of the problems of the rapidly expanding areas of the county; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County is urged to give consideration to broader citizen representation in appointments to county boards and agencies; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution are sent to the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County.

Approved March 22, 1968.

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No. 7

(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

Senate Joint Resolution to request the Governor of Maryland to appoint a Commission to study the guardianship problems posed by the mentally retarded ~~and the handicapped~~, THE HANDICAPPED, AND THOSE ELDERLY PERSONS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ALERT TO HANDLE THEIR OWN PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS YET NOT SERIOUSLY ENOUGH DERANGED TO BE COMMITTED, and the State's role therein.

WHEREAS, One of the most poignant and challenging questions posed by the parents of retarded and other seriously handicapped youngsters is "What will happen to my child when I am no longer able to care for him?"; and

WHEREAS, CONVERSELY, NEXT OF KIN OF SENILE OLDER PERSONS HAVE THE SAME CONCERN FOR THEIR ELDERS WHO ARE NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING THEIR