

RESOLVED, That these regulations should provide that the foregoing procedures shall not apply to protect persons who have obtained or who are utilizing gas or electric service by fraudulent means, and that in such instances, service may be terminated until responsibility for the service has been assumed to the satisfaction of the gas or electric company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Thomas J. Hatem, Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, 229 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; and to Mr. John K. Keane, Jr., People's Counsel, 229 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Signed May 12, 1981.

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No. 3

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 25)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Commission on Groundwater Heat Pumps

FOR the purpose of requesting the appointment of a Commission to recommend regulations on groundwater heat pumps.

WHEREAS, Groundwater heat pump technology is recently recognized as an efficient means of heating and cooling; and

WHEREAS, Equally efficient regulations on the use of groundwater heat pumps have not been developed; and

WHEREAS, Existing regulations impede the use of groundwater heat pumps because they were written before this technology was known; and

WHEREAS, The consumer must be assured before installing the system that the groundwater flow would sustain a groundwater heat pump system; and

WHEREAS, Requiring a consumer to obtain a yield test before the issuance of a water appropriation permit should be investigated; and

WHEREAS, Prohibiting the discharge of water other than by reinjection of the aquifer from the system should be studied; and

WHEREAS, Technical considerations of groundwater heat pump usage must be studied before efficient and comprehensive regulations on this technology can be developed; now, therefore, be it