

**R042-0607**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN EQUINE EMERGENCY**  
20     **MEDICAL HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND**

30     **WHEREAS:**     Horses are a historic staple to the state of Maryland. The Maryland Jockey Club  
40                             established in 1743, and the Pimlico racetrack which is home to the famous  
50                             Preakness horserace is the second oldest racetrack in the nation; and,

60     **WHEREAS:**     The horse industry today accounts for an overall \$2.09 billion dollar income to  
70                             Maryland which includes both horse racing and showing, \$29 million of this  
80                             income is generated from the yearly Preakness, a part of the famous Triple  
90                             Crown racing series; and,

100    **WHEREAS:**     Despite the historical tradition of horses in Maryland, the state fails to establish  
110                             an equine veterinary medical hospital, which is an embarrassment to a state that  
120                             is deemed so saturated in the horse industry that the honorary animal is the  
130                             Thoroughbred horse; and,

140    **WHEREAS:**     Maryland horse owners are unable to get proper veterinary care when an  
150                             emergency does arise, they must instead transport their horses to other hospitals  
160                             which are located in Pennsylvania and Virginia; and.

170    **WHEREAS:**     An equine veterinary hospital not only serves as a means proper medical  
180                             emergency care, but is also an area of research for medical and veterinary  
190                             students.

200    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland  
210                             General Assembly to appropriate proper funding and approaches to the  
220                             construction of an equine medical emergency hospital in the state of Maryland.

260    **MANDATES:**     Governor Martin O'Malley  
270                             Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch  
280                             President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller

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