

SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The President**

Introduced, read, and adopted: January 13, 2021

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1 A Senate Simple Resolution concerning

2 **Implementation of Modified Procedures Due to COVID-19**

3 FOR the purpose of implementing modified procedures for the Senate of Maryland due to
4 COVID-19.

5 WHEREAS, A state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency was declared
6 for the State on March 5, 2020, due to the spread of COVID-19; and

7 WHEREAS, A national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak was declared
8 on March 13, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
10 Maryland Department of Health have advised residents of the State to take precautions,
11 including wearing masks and keeping at least six feet of distance from others, to slow the
12 spread of COVID-19; and

13 WHEREAS, As of January 11, 2021, there have been over 309,600 confirmed cases
14 of and over 6,100 confirmed deaths from COVID-19 in the State; and

15 WHEREAS, Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have put a strain on the State's
16 health care system, with the daily count of hospitalizations being over 1,600 since early
17 December 2020; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, That, due to the spread of
19 COVID-19, a state of emergency exists that necessitates the implementation of modified
20 procedures to protect the health or safety of the members of the Senate of Maryland, their
21 staff, and the public; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That Rule 118 of the Senate of Maryland Rules now applies.

