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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 Ozone Transport Assessment Group - Requiring Membership of State Elected Officials

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the addition of a certain number of elected officials from
4 the states and territories to the membership of the Ozone Transport Assessment
5 Group.

6 WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group, established by the United
7 States Environmental Protection Agency, is a partnership among EPA, the
8 Environmental Council of the States, and other industry and environmental groups; and

9 WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group is preparing to make policy
10 recommendations, in 1997, to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and
11 state governmental officials, including Maryland's, regarding the regulation of ozone
12 transport in the eastern United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The participation of state elected officials is essential to the
14 formulation of policy recommendations that will ultimately affect state efforts to comply
15 with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including state transportation,
16 environmental, and natural resources programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Ozone Transport Assessment Group's recommendations may
18 result in more stringent regulation of emissions than required under the Clean Air Act
19 Amendments of 1990; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
21 Ozone Transport Assessment Group be required to include one voting member from each
22 of the 50 states and each of the territories; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That Maryland State agencies, including the Maryland Department
24 of the Environment, may not adopt Ozone Transport Assessment Group
25 recommendations, by rule or regulation, without additional legislative authorization; and
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
28 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the
29 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
30 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the United States
31 Environmental Protection Agency, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C.
32 20460; the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut
33 Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107; The Ozone Transport Assessment Group, c/o Mary A.

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1 Gade, Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2200 Churchill Road,
2 Springfield, IL 62706; the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment,
3 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224; and the Maryland Congressional
4 Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building,
5 Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.,
6 Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah
7 E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.
8 20515.