

SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The President**

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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, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
6 Maryland Department of Health continue to advise residents of the State to take
7 precautions, including getting vaccinated, wearing masks, and keeping at least 6 feet of
8 distance from others, to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

9 WHEREAS, As of January 6, 2022, there have been over 776,200 confirmed cases of
10 and almost 11,800 confirmed deaths from COVID-19 in the State; and

11 WHEREAS, Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 continue to put a strain on the
12 State's health care system, with the daily count of hospitalizations increasing from 742 on
13 December 1, 2021, to over 3,000 on January 4, 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, A state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health
15 emergency was again declared for the State on January 4, 2022, due to the spread of
16 COVID-19; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, That due to the continuing spread
18 of COVID-19, there remains a necessity to implement modified procedures to protect the
19 health or safety of the members of the Senate of Maryland, their staff, and the public; and
20 be it further

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

