

national--implementation--in-a-report-scheduled-for-completion-in mid-1985;-and

WHEREAS,-The-General-Assembly-should-consider-whether--Stage II--Controls--are--as--effective-or-as-cost-efficient-as-On-board Controls;-and

WHEREAS, EPA studies analyzing the costs, efficiency, and effectiveness of both Stage II and On-board Controls were published in draft form to solicit public comments; and

WHEREAS, Because of the numerous comments received, EPA is reevaluating the cost estimates for Stage II vapor recovery by preparing a new, detailed cost analysis and EPA's new analysis is expected to be completed and released in late summer 1985 along with a decision on EPA's approach to controlling gasoline marketing emissions; and

WHEREAS, EPA's draft studies indicate that both Stage II and On-board Controls are viable means to minimize public exposure to toxic gasoline vapors but that only Stage II will help states meet the National Ambient Air Quality standard for ozone by 1987; and

WHEREAS, The use of Stage II Vapor Recovery nozzles places a disproportionate significant amount of responsibility and cost on small business service station dealers; and

WHEREAS, The cost of maintenance on one dealer could be \$4,200 \$170 per nozzle and maintenance costs are directly shouldered by the dealer; now,-therefore,-be-it and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly should be apprised of the remaining types of VOC controls that are available and the relative cost effectiveness of these controls; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That prior to any administrative decision ~~adopting regulations~~ governing Stage II Vapor Recovery Controls or other strategies for the control of Volatile Organic Compounds, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should furnish-a- report to the General Assembly that outlines--the-proposed-regulations outlining any proposed program to control emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and all other related and pertinent information; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Air Management Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Signed May 21, 1985.