

REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROMULGATED BY THE GOVERNOR. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY IN WHICH IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO SECURE THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE ~~[[A]]~~ AN ORDER, RULE OR REGULATION MAY BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE COMMUNICATED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND BE SUBJECT TO REVERSAL OR MODIFICATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEE WHEN CONVENED. ALL RECORDS OF ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC EMERGENCY POWERS CONTAINED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND RECOGNIZES AND CONFIRMS THE GOVERNOR'S POWER TO EXERCISE FULLY THE AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL MANDATORY ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE DISTILLATE FUELS, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER XIII OF TITLE 32A, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS ANY SUCCEEDING FEDERAL PROGRAMS, LAWS, ORDERS, RULES, OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION, ~~[[DEVELOPMENT,]]~~ CONSERVATION, OR CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY RESOURCES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with this Act, are ~~[[repealed]]~~ suspended to the extent of the inconsistency. All laws or parts of laws suspended under the provisions of this Act shall revert to their full force and effect at the time the suspension is terminated. At that time there shall be no claim or presumption of the creation of any vested interest in, or permanent authority to continue, any development, alteration, modification, construction, or similar undertaking permitted under the workings of this Act but no longer permitted when the laws herein suspended revert to their full force and effect.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION ~~[[3]]~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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