

civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation, in lieu of the criminal penalties provided for in section 15B(g) of that Article.

[6. Because of the need to implement the measures contained in this Order immediately, it may not be feasible to obtain the prior approval of the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review. Therefore, this Order shall take effect as provided above. A copy of this Order has been communicated to the Chairman of that Committee, and efforts are being made for the committee to meet and consider this Order prior to its effective date. Unless disapproved by the Committee in accordance with Article 41, § 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, this Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 18, 1977

COMMISSION ON ETHNIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, The diverse racial and ethnic communities in the State of Maryland are a vital part of the cultural life of the State; and

WHEREAS, These communities represent a mosaic of peoples with individual traits and values who are commonly citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, A healthy pluralistic society requires a common understanding of the cultures and traditions of all ethnic and racial communities; and

WHEREAS, There exists a need to bestow official recognition on all ethnic and racial communities in Maryland and to coordinate the activities of all such communities for the better understanding of our society; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a representative body of people to serve as a catalyst for the coordination of the activities of the diverse ethnic communities of Maryland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTIONS 15, 15C, AND 15CA OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER: