

the structure of the educational system in Maryland, as revised by Chapters 538 and 539 of the Laws of 1976; and

WHEREAS, The current designation of the Department of Education no longer reflects the needs of Maryland veterans in areas of apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6(B) AND 24 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15CA OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND BY TITLE 38, CHAPTER 36, SECTION 1771(a) OF THE UNITED STATES CODE ANNOTATED, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1977:

1. (a) The authority previously conferred upon the Maryland State Department of Education under 38 U.S.C.A. § 1771(a), to act as the State approving agency under Veterans Administration law is rescinded.

(b) The State Board for Higher Education is designated as the State approving agency under 38 U.S.C.A. § 1771(a) for the approval of educational courses offered to veterans by institutions of higher education and postsecondary education pursuant to Veterans Administration law and for the approval of all courses and training programs for veterans, other than those designated in paragraph (1) (c).

(c) The Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council is designated as the State approving agency under 38 U.S.C.A. § 1771(a) for the approval of apprenticeship training programs and on-the-job training programs available in Maryland pursuant to Veterans Administration law.

2. Every program of apprenticeship or on-the-job training for veterans which is currently approved by the Maryland State Department of Education shall continue to be so approved by the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council, subject to continued compliance with the Veterans Administration laws governing such approval.

3. The Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council shall continue to accept for approval, for the purpose of receiving veterans' benefits, those apprenticeship and on-the-job