

1. The standards of ethical conduct set forth in this Code of Ethics shall be applicable without exception to all part-time and full-time officers and employees in the executive branch of the State of Maryland whether or not they are members of the Merit System or exempt from the provisions of the Merit System.

2. All officers and employees who have been appointed by the Governor shall conform to these standards without further directive. All other officers and employees who serve under a State appointing authority [which is appointed by the Governor] shall comply with the agency code of ethics to be issued by such respective authorities as provided for in Article VI hereof. Failure to conform to the standards of ethical conduct so prescribed may lead to removal from office, termination of employment, or other action as the particular case may require.

3. THE STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT SET FORTH IN THIS CODE OF ETHICS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND. HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF THE CODE OF ETHICS, AND THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 41, SECTION 14A(B) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF SAID CODE BY CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED OFFICERS.

Article VI.  
Agency Codes of Ethics

Each appointing authority in the executive branch of the State government, which shall include all departments, commissions, boards, and authorities whose agency head or members are appointed by the Governor, is directed to adopt this Code of Ethics and to require all of its officers and employees to comply with the standards of ethical conduct prescribed herein. Each appointing authority shall submit a written report to the Governor describing the action that has been taken in promulgating the standards of ethical conduct set forth in this code.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF AUGUST 28, 1978

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DOMESTIC SUPPORT PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, I have approved and signed into law House Bill 607 of 1978 as Chapter 885 of the Acts of 1978; and