

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

irritant to many nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, In sufficient concentrations, secondhand smoke can worsen allergic conditions, be harmful to individuals with chronic heart or respiratory diseases and according to new research long-term exposure may seriously threaten the health of nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State to promote a healthy and safe work environment for all employees and individuals who conduct business in State offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

### Section 1. Smoking Policy

In an effort to consider the needs and concerns of smokers and nonsmokers alike, and to provide a healthful working environment in areas of buildings occupied by Executive branch agencies, all employees and visitors are expected to comply with the following guidelines on smoking.

#### (A) Areas of General Public Access

In addition to those areas governed by State laws, smoking is prohibited in general public access areas, Government operated shuttle buses, and designated areas of cafeterias and dining rooms.

(B) This order does not apply to the ground and first floor of the State House and spaces assigned to the legislative and judicial branches of government.

### Section 2. Implementation and Enforcement of Smoking Policy

#### (A) Smoking Policy Review Committee

The Secretary or Director of each department or agency shall establish a Smoking Policy Review Committee including all Boards, Commissions, all Departments of the Executive Branch, and all state Colleges and Universities. The size and composition of the Committee shall be determined by each Secretary or agency head, but shall include both smokers and nonsmokers as well as supervisory and nonsupervisory personnel.

#### (B) Implementation of the Smoking Policy