

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. There is established in the Department of Employment and Social Services of the State Government a Commission on Jobs for Veterans.

2. The Commission shall be composed of no less than 25 members. The Secretary of State of Maryland, the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, the Secretary of Personnel, the Chairman of the Maryland Veterans' Commission, and a representative of the United States Veterans' Administration designated from time to time by the federal supervisor of Maryland Veteran Affairs, shall be members ex officio. All of the remaining members shall be appointed by the Governor. Nine of the appointed members shall represent the following organizations: the Maryland Chapter of the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Disabled American Veterans; the Fleet Reserve Association; the World War I Veterans; the Marine Corps League; the Maryland Department of American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam; the Jewish War Veterans; and the Catholic War Veterans; and each of said veterans' organizations shall recommend to the Governor one of its members, who should be the highest official in Maryland of the organization, to be appointed as the representative of the organization. The remaining appointed members shall be representatives of business, labor, the General Assembly of Maryland, and the General Public.

3. The Governor shall from time to time designate one of the members of the Commission as Chairman and one as Co-Chairman.

4. The term of each of the appointed members of the Commission shall be for one year. A member of the Commission shall remain in office beyond the expiration of his term until his successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed for additional one year terms. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term, the Governor may appoint any person to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

5. Wherever practicable, the Commission shall cooperate with and assist the Department of Employment and Social Services in matters directly relating to the obtaining of satisfactory employment for veterans.

6. The Department of Employment and Social Services shall provide the necessary staff, offices, equipment and materials for the efficient operation of the Commission.

7. The Commission shall, after due consideration of the current job market, make such recommendations as are necessary to achieve the greatest possible employment of veterans in this State without regard to race, sex, religion, or ethnic origin. The Commission shall make a special effort to obtain employment for Vietnam veterans.

8. The Commission shall investigate various means of expanding existing education and job training programs for veterans, shall formulate plans to achieve the maximum involvement of veterans in the Maryland economy, shall solicit the endorsement and participation of private businesses, as well as local, State and Federal Government, in a program of priority hiring of veterans, and shall promote a greater public awareness of the need to hire veterans.