

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1971 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1973 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1 OF THE ACTS OF 1973, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION), AND BECAUSE I AM ADVISED AND INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF EMERGENCY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE 12:01 A.M. NOVEMBER 23, 1973:

1. Except where a lesser maximum speed limit is required by or established in accordance with Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, fifty miles per hour is declared to be the maximum lawful speed on the highways within the State; and, subject only to the exemptions and privileges otherwise granted by law to authorized emergency vehicles, no person shall operate a vehicle in excess of fifty miles per hour on any highway within the State.

2. Pursuant to my authority, as aforesaid, to establish and implement standards for the conservation of energy resources, fifty miles per hour is declared to be the maximum reasonable speed for the purposes of Article 66 1/2, § 11-801(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and, any person operating a vehicle in excess of fifty miles per hour on any highway within the State shall be deemed to be operating such vehicle at a speed which is unreasonable within the meaning of Article 66 1/2, § 11-801(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

3. Pursuant to my authority, as aforesaid, to modify existing standards and requirements affecting the use of energy resources, the standards and requirements set forth in the provisions of Article 66 1/2, §§11-801(b)(4), and 11-801(b)(5) of the Annotated Code of Maryland are hereby modified to establish fifty miles per hour as the maximum lawful speed on the respective highways described in said provisions.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 66 1/2, §§ 11-801(c), 11-802 and 11-803 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or of any other provisions of State or local law, no maximum speed limit may be established by any State or local authority on any highway within the State which