

authority on any highway within the State which shall be greater than [fifty] FIFTY-FIVE miles per hour, and the provisions of this Order shall apply notwithstanding any greater maximum speed limits which may be lawfully in effect prior to the effective date of this Order.

"5. The State Department of Transportation and all other appropriate governmental authorities are directed to prepare and post, as soon as possible, appropriate signs on the affected highways giving notice of the maximum speed limit ordered herein.

"6. Any operation of a vehicle on the highways within the State in excess of [fifty] FIFTY-FIVE miles per hour shall be a violation of the provisions of Article 66-1/2, Section 11-801(a) and Section 11-801(b), and shall subject the person operating the vehicle to the procedures and penalties provided for violations of Article 66-1/2, Sections 11-801(a) and 11-801(b), as well as subjecting such person to the penalties provided in Article 41, Section 15B, for violations of this Order."

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JANUARY 4, 1974

ENERGY CRISIS - FUEL PRICE CONTROLS

WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a State of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1973, Second Special Session, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and

WHEREAS, The acute shortage in certain usable energy resources has resulted in many complaints of unlawful profiteering by the charging of prices for such resources in excess of those allowed by law, at the expense of the public at large; and