

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

WHEREAS, Unlawful profiteering in the face of the existing emergency situation threatens to disrupt State plans for a fair and equitable system of allocating these scarce energy resources and is, therefore, directly detrimental to the State's efforts to discharge its responsibilities to the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Local monitoring and enforcement of price controls on the sale of scarce energy resources, including punishment for violations of such controls, is an important State interest and is reasonable and necessary to 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., JANUARY 10, 1974:

1. The following products and items, including all grades and classifications of each of them, are subject to the provisions of this Order: gasoline; kerosene; diesel fuel; distillate and residual fuel oil; and aviation fuel.
2. With respect to any sale or other disposition of a product or item listed in Section 1 of this Order, no person may charge a price which exceeds the highest price then authorized to be charged, by that person for that product or item, by or under the authority of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, as amended from time to time, or by any other applicable federal or State law, order, rule, or regulation.
3. Each person subject to this Order shall, upon request, make available for inspection by any State or local law enforcement officer or any representative of the State Energy Policy Office, all records which would evidence that the prices charged by that person are and have been in compliance