

priorities, and quotas for the allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy resources; the suspension and modification of existing standards and requirements affecting or affected by the use of energy resources, including those relating to air quality control, the type and compensation of various energy resources, the production and distribution of energy resources, and the hours and days during which public buildings and commercial and industrial establishments may or are required to remain open; the establishment and implementation of regional programs and agreements for the purposes of coordinating the energy resource programs and actions of the State with those of the federal government and of other states and localities. An order, rule, or regulation promulgated by the Governor pursuant to this subsection may provide for the imposition of a civil penalty, not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation, in lieu of or in addition to the penalties provided for in subsection (g) of this section, and for the method and conditions of its collection. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the establishment of oil refineries, deep water ports, off shore drilling facilities or other similar major capital facilities. Orders, rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor pursuant to the powers granted above, under this subsection shall first be presented to the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review or whatever other joint committee if any may be substituted by law by the General Assembly to carry out its responsibilities with respect to the energy crisis for approval or rejection. If the Committee fails to take action within seven days of submission of the orders, rules and regulations, the orders, rules and regulations shall become effective as promulgated by the Governor. In the event of extraordinary circumstances in which it is not feasible to secure the approval of the Committee an order, rule or regulation may become effective immediately, and shall within two days be communicated to the chairman of the Committee and be subject to reversal by the full Committee which shall be convened within five days of communication of the order, rule or regulation. All records of orders, rules and regulations and Committee meetings shall be open to the public. In addition to the specific emergency powers contained in this subtitle, the General Assembly of Maryland recognizes and confirms the Governor's power to exercise fully the authority necessary to implement the federal mandatory allocation program as set forth in the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 627), as well as any succeeding federal programs, laws, orders, rules, or regulations relating to the allocation, conservation, or consumption of energy resources.