

for appropriate public input into and awareness of governmental decision making process, I issued Executive Order No. 01.01.1976.02 on May 25, 1976; and

WHEREAS, That Executive Order requires that executive public bodies of the Executive Branch of State Government open their meetings to the public, give advance notice of meetings, and keep recorded minutes, except as otherwise provided in the Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, Pending further possible action by the General Assembly with respect to the subject matter of the Executive Order, I requested the Attorney General and the heads of the principal Executive Agencies to monitor the effect of the Executive Order, and to recommend such changes as they deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Certain amendments have been recommended to me that I deem appropriate in order to clarify the intent of the Executive Order, and to make its policy and requirements more workable; and

WHEREAS, I believe these amendments to be consistent with the dual objectives of maintaining public participation in the decision making process and permitting that process to continue efficiently;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTIONS 15 AND 15CA OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01.01.1976.02, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 1976:

1. Definitions:

- (a) As used in this Executive Order, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Advisory function" means the rendering of advice or recommendations to an executive public body or an official of the Executive Department, and the study or evaluation of public issues, policies, and matters preparatory to the rendering of such advice or recommendations, pursuant to a lawful delegation of that responsibility by the executive public body or official.
- (c) "Executive function" means the administration or application of the laws of Maryland or the rules, regulations, or by-laws of the