

BRANCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland, by Section 14A of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, directed the Governor of Maryland to promulgate rules and regulations establishing a Code of Ethics for all Executive Branch officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics was promulgated by Executive Order 01.01.1969.07, dated September 4, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics established a State Board of Ethics to render certain advisory and investigative functions as set forth in the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics directs the Board of Ethics, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Code, to recommend from time to time such orders, rules, regulations, and changes, as it deems necessary and proper to supplement, administer, and implement or amend the provisions of the Code, which, when approved by the Governor, shall become a part of the Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics was amended by Executive Order 01.01.1970.14, dated October 9, 1970, upon the recommendation of the Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ethics has issued a comprehensive report to me, dated December 7, 1977, in which it recommends additional amendments to the Code of Ethics, including the inclusion of all elected Constitutional officers of the Executive Branch within certain provisions of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 14A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING THE CODE OF ETHICS PROMULGATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1969.07, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1970.14, THIS ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1978:

Article I.
Declaration of Policy

State officers and employees are responsible to all of the people of the State and not to any favored segment or group. The business and affairs of the State must be conducted in such an impartial manner that all persons understand that no State officer or employee can be