CHAPTER 30

(House Bill 73)

AN ACT concerning

Governor's Emergency Energy Powers - Extended

FOR the purpose of extending until a certain time certain powers of the Governor during energy crisis emergency situations; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
    Departments
Section 15B(c-1)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

15B.

(c-1) (1) As used in this subtitle, but only until March 15, [1980] 1981, "crisis," "disaster," "catastrophe," and "or similar public emergency" also refers to a situation where the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of this State are threatened by reason of an actual or impending acute shortage in usable energy resources. Upon reasonable apprehension that such a crisis, disaster, catastrophe, or similar public emergency exists, the Governor may proclaim a state of emergency. In that event the Governor's orders, rules, and regulations, promulgated as provided in this subtitle, may also include, by way of further enumerated example rather than limitation, and notwithstanding any other provision or limitation of State or local law:

(i) Provisions for the establishment and implementation of programs, controls, standards, priorities, and quotas for the allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy resources;

(ii) 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 composition 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; and/or