

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

purchase requirements and restrictions on home storage of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, Such regulation of the distribution of gasoline is an important State interest and is reasonable and necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1978 REPLACEMENT VOLUME, AS AMENDED) BEING OF THE OPINION THAT THERE EXIST EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CONSTITUTING A STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND MAKING IT NOT FEASIBLE TO SECURE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY;

1. No purchase of gasoline for a vehicle shall be made for less than five dollars, if the vehicle contains less than six cylinders or, for less than seven dollars, if the vehicle contains six cylinders or more. Minimum purchase requirements shall not apply to motorcycles or mopeds as defined in Sections 11-136 and 11-139.1 of the Transportation Article or to container sales as referred to in paragraph 2 below.

2. Not more than 2 gallons of gasoline may at anytime be sold or purchased for delivery into a container other than the fuel tank of a vehicle to be transported away from the premises of the retail seller. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize the sale of gasoline in any container not satisfying applicable safety requirements.

3. No gasoline storage tank shall be constructed at, and no gasoline shall be delivered into, a storage tank situated at any property utilized and zoned for use as a personal residence.

4. Any violation of this Order shall be punishable as a misdemeanor and shall subject the offender to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or not more than sixty days incarceration, or both, upon conviction thereof. Pursuant to my constitutional authority to nolle prosequere criminal charges and to grant reprieves and pardons provided in Article II, Section 20 of the Constitution of Maryland, I hereby direct the police and prosecuting officials of the State and