

local governments not to prosecute technical violations of this Order occasioned by emergency situations.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JUNE 15, 1979

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WHEREAS, The Governor of Maryland did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, This situation has further resulted, and will, if not alleviated, continue to result in many people being unable to obtain gasoline at all, thereby creating serious potential health and safety problems, as well as major disruption in their daily lives, including their inability to travel to and from work and obtain food and other necessary supplies; and

WHEREAS, These problems engendered by the acute shortage of fuel may be alleviated by imposition of minimum 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; AND

WHEREAS, ON JUNE 14, 1979, AN EXECUTIVE ORDER WAS PROMULGATED ESTABLISHING, INTER ALIA, MINIMUM LEVELS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE ON MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND; AND

WHEREAS, THE INITIAL EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING THAT ORDER HAS DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR AMENDMENTS THERETO;

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] CONTINUING TO BE 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 RESCIND AND REISSUE, AS AMENDED
