
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JULY 6, 1979

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WHEREAS, An acute shortage of fuel for motor vehicles exists in the State of Maryland and in surrounding states and in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, A study, conducted for the Federal Energy Administration by the Stanford Research Institute, regarding the State energy savings from liberalization of truck weights estimates annual savings for Maryland at 940,000,000,000 Btu. (940 billion British thermal units), which translates into monthly savings of 575,985 gallons of fuel consumption in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Diesel fuel is a middle distillate petroleum product substantially identical to #2 heating oil; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy in its June 8, 1979 Weekly Petroleum Status Report has estimated existing inventories of middle distillates at levels substantially below those minimally acceptable raising the danger of substantial shortages of heating fuel in the winter months; and

WHEREAS, One major supplier of motor fuel has announced a 57% cutback of Maryland's July allocation of diesel fuel, with other similar cutbacks being reported elsewhere in the State; and

WHEREAS, Further, the shortage of fuel may, and in some instances has, severely limited the transport of materials and commodities to and from Maryland citizens and businesses, both rural and urban; and

WHEREAS, The reduction of this transportation creates unfavorable immediate and long-term economic consequences which would threaten the health, safety and welfare of the people of this State; and

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