

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, Further, the adjustment of the weight limitations will allow an additional eleven hundred (1,100) gallons of gasoline per tank truck to be transported into Maryland and similarly will allow additional diesel fuel and home heating oil to be transported per tank truck; and

WHEREAS, There continues to exist a long term energy supply crisis for which conservation offers a significant method for ensuring the adequacy of available energy supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1978 REPLACEMENT VOLUME, AS AMENDED), AND BECAUSE I AM ADVISED AND INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF EMERGENCY, DUE HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

1. The maximum gross weight of vehicles or combinations of vehicles may not exceed 79,000 pounds.

2. All vehicles or combinations of vehicles weighing 73,280 pounds or less shall continue to operate under the existing statutory axle load limits.

3. All vehicles or combinations of vehicles weighing more than 73,280 pounds but not exceeding 79,000 pounds shall operate according to the federal axle load limits as follows:

20,000 - single axle
34,000 - coupled axle

4. The gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed the following limits, prorated for fractions of a foot as follows:

Distance Between First and Last Axles (In Feet)	Maximum Gross Weight Limit (In Pounds) 5 Axles	Maximum Gross Weight Limit (In Pounds) 6 Axles
41	73,500	78,500
42	74,000	79,000
43	75,000	
44	75,500	