

(A)--THERE--IS--HEREBY--CREATED--A--BODY--POLITIC--AND CORPORATE--TO--BE--KNOWN--AS--THE--MARYLAND--ENERGY--SUPPLY--AND CONSERVATION--AUTHORITY--WHICH--IS--CONSTITUTED--AS--A--PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY--OF--THE--STATE--OF--MARYLAND.--THE--EXERCISE--BY THE--AUTHORITY--OF--THE--POWER--CONFERRED--BY--THIS--TITLE--SHALL--BE CONSIDERED--TO--BE--THE--PERFORMANCE--OF--AN--ESSENTIAL--PUBLIC FUNCTION.--THE--AUTHORITY--SHALL--HAVE--PERPETUAL--EXISTENCE--AS--A CORPORATION.

(B)--THE--POWERS--OF--THE--AUTHORITY--SHALL--BE--VESTED--IN--A BOARD--OF--DIRECTORS.--THE--BOARD--SHALL--CONSIST--OF--THE SECRETARY--OF--NATURAL--RESOURCES,--THE--SECRETARY--OF--ECONOMIC AND--COMMUNITY--DEVELOPMENT,--THE--SECRETARY--OF--AGRICULTURE,--THE STATE--TREASURER--OR--HIS--DESIGNEE--AND--THREE--PUBLIC--MEMBERS--WHO SHALL--BE--APPOINTED--BY--THE--GOVERNOR--AND--CONFIRMED--BY--THE SENATE--AND--WHO--SHALL--SERVE--AT--THE--PLEASURE--OF--THE--GOVERNOR.--THE--THREE--PUBLIC--MEMBERS--SHALL--BE--RESIDENTS--OF--THE--STATE--OF MARYLAND.--EACH--PUBLIC--MEMBER--SHALL--SERVE--A--TERM--OF--4--YEARS AND--SHALL--CONTINUE--IN--OFFICE--UNTIL--A--SUCCESSOR--HAS--BEEN APPOINTED--AND--QUALIFIES.--THERE--SHALL--BE--NO--LIMITATION--ON THE--NUMBER--OF--TERMS--A--PUBLIC--MEMBER--MAY--SERVE--BEFORE TAKING--OFFICE,--EACH--MEMBER--OF--THE--AUTHORITY--SHALL--TAKE--AN OATH--TO--ADMINISTER--THE--DUTIES--OF--THE--OFFICE--FAITHFULLY--AND IMPARTIALLY--AND--SUCH--OATH--SHALL--BE--FILED--WITH--THE--SECRETARY OF--STATE.--THE--CHAIRMAN--OF--THE--BOARD--SHALL--BE--APPOINTED--BY THE--GOVERNOR--FROM--AMONG--THE--MEMBERS.--A--MAJORITY--OF--THE MEMBERS--OF--THE--BOARD--OF--DIRECTORS--THEN--SERVING--IS--A--QUORUM, AND--ANY--ACTION--BY--THE--BOARD--SHALL--BE--TAKEN--ONLY--BY--A MAJORITY--VOTE--OF--THE--MEMBERS--OF--THE--BOARD--THEN--SERVING.

(C)--FOR--THE--PURPOSE--SOLELY--OF--EXECUTIVE--ORGANIZATION, THE--AUTHORITY--IS--A--UNIT--WITHIN--THE--DEPARTMENT--OF--NATURAL RESOURCES.--THE--AUTHORITY--OF--THE--SECRETARY--OF--NATURAL RESOURCES--TO--TRANSFER--FUNCTIONS,--ACTIVITIES,--STAFF--OR--FUNDS, TO--APPROVE,--DISAPPROVE,--OR--MODIFY--PLANS,--PROPOSALS, PROJECTS,--OR--PROGRAMS,--TO--ADOPT--RULES--AND--REGULATIONS--AND--TO APPROVE,--DISAPPROVE,--ISSUE--OR--REVISE--RULES--AND--REGULATIONS OF--UNITS--OF--THE--DEPARTMENT--AS--SET--FORTH--IN--TITLE--1--OF--THIS ARTICLE,--SHALL--NOT--BE--APPLICABLE--TO--THE--AUTHORITY.

(D)--EACH--MEMBER--OF--THE--BOARD--IS--ENTITLED--TO REIMBURSEMENT--FOR--EXPENSES--UNDER--THE--STANDARD--STATE--TRAVEL REGULATIONS,--AS--PROVIDED--IN--THE--STATE--BUDGET.

(E)--THE--AUTHORITY--SHALL--APPOINT--AN--EXECUTIVE--DIRECTOR, WHO--MAY--NOT--BE--A--MEMBER--OF--THE--AUTHORITY.--THE--EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR--SHALL--SERVE--AT--THE--PLEASURE--OF--THE--AUTHORITY--AND SHALL--RECEIVE--THE--COMPENSATION--ESTABLISHED--BY--THE--BOARD, SUBJECT--TO--THE--SUPERVISION--AND--DIRECTION--OF--THE--AUTHORITY, THE--EXECUTIVE--DIRECTOR--SHALL--BE--THE--CHIEF--ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER--OF--THE--AUTHORITY.

(F)--THE--EXECUTIVE--DIRECTOR--SHALL--KEEP--A--RECORD--OF--THE PROCEEDINGS--OF--THE--AUTHORITY--AND--SHALL--BE--CUSTODIAN--OF--ALL BOOKS,--DOCUMENTS,--AND--PAPERS--FILED--WITH--THE--AUTHORITY--AND--OF THE--MINUTE--BOOK--OR--JOURNAL--OF--THE--AUTHORITY--AND--OF--ITS OFFICIAL--SEAL.--THE--EXECUTIVE--DIRECTOR--MAY--HAVE--COPIES--MADE