

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 11-201 through ~~11-212~~ 11-211 to be under the
new subtitle "Subtitle 2. State Standby
Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Adequate supplies of fuel are essential to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Any severe disruption in fuel supplied for use within the State would cause grave hardship and pose a threat to the health and economic well-being of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, The existing petroleum distribution system serves the needs of Maryland fuel users and can be expected to do so until an acute shortage in petroleum supplies occurs; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to federal law, including the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-159) as amended by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163), the Department has extensive experience administering a State set-aside program; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12287 ended the federal petroleum pricing and allocation controls including State set-aside on January 28, 1981; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973, as amended by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, authorized the implementation of a State set-aside terminated on September 30, 1981; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest for the State of Maryland to establish and maintain in a state of readiness a State standby set-aside program which can be activated upon declaration by the Governor of an energy emergency to mitigate hardships and emergency conditions caused by a fuel shortage; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

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SUBTITLE 2. STATE STANDBY PETROLEUM FUEL SET-ASIDE