

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 10, 1982

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ADVISORY BOARD ON RAPE AND SEXUAL OFFENSES

WHEREAS, The crimes of rape and sexual offenses continue to be of grave concern throughout our State. The Uniform Crime Reporting Index documents 1,327 reported assaults in 1976. Rape and sexual offenses increased to 1,681 reported incidents in 1980. Assistance programs for victims of these crimes have been developed in some local areas of our State but no statewide assessment of service or need has been determined systematically.

WHEREAS, The need for preventive and educational measures cannot be and should not be ignored. The availability of medical services and victim counseling on a statewide basis must be assessed and necessary remedies taken. The laws of Maryland, which were reformed substantially in the mid 1970's should be monitored and reviewed to make certain that the laws governing these offenses are adequate and are enforced vigorously.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. There is a Governor's Advisory Board on Rape and Sexual Offenses.

2. The Board consists of seventeen members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(a) The Secretary of State Department of Human Resources or a designee;

(b) The Secretary of State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or a designee;

(c) The Chair of Maryland Commission for Women or a designee;

(d) A representative of the Police Training Commission;

(e) A representative of Maryland Sheriff's Association;