

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 495A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 11-104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy has been prosecuting oil companies for violations of petroleum pricing and allocation regulations;

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy has collected \$200 million as restitution payments to State and local governments as compensation for unidentifiable consumers injured by oil price overcharging;

WHEREAS, Congress has recently enacted legislation authorizing that \$200 million be distributed to states for the purpose of supplemental energy assistance;

WHEREAS, Maryland will receive approximately \$3.58 million from such authorization;

WHEREAS, Rising energy prices have placed the greatest financial burden on low-income people;

WHEREAS, The elderly and other low-income people are the least able to adjust their energy consumption, because they often live in old energy-wasteful homes; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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495A.

~~(A) -- TO -- THE -- EXTENT -- ALLOWED -- UNDER -- FEDERAL -- REQUIREMENTS, -- THE
GOVERNOR -- SHALL -- APPLY -- ALL -- FUNDS -- RECEIVED -- FROM -- THE -- WARNER -- AMENDMENT
TO -- THE -- FURTHER -- CONTINUING -- APPROPRIATIONS -- ACT, -- 1983 -- (PUBLIC -- LAW~~