

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Subtitle 4. Energy Assistance [and Information] Program Act.

6-401.

This subtitle shall be known and may be cited as the "[State] Energy Assistance [and Information] Program Act".

6-402.

In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated:

(1) ["Coordinator" means the coordinator of the energy assistance and information program.]

[(2)] "Energy emergency" means a [condition where the] LACK OF FUEL OR THE IMMINENT discontinuation of energy services supplied by a fuel or utility vendor THAT will endanger health, safety or welfare[, and

(i) The discontinuation is imminent; or

(ii) The imminence of the discontinuation is precluded solely by reason of its prohibition].

[(3)] (2) "Fuel vendor" means any person who distributes, transports, produces, or offers for sale coal products, fuel oil, KEROSENE, bottled gas, propane or wood for FUEL use or consumption in Maryland.

[(4) "Local office" means any county or city office that administers the energy assistance and information program at the local level.]

[(5)] (3) "Office" means the [Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity] OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

[(6)] (4) "Utility vendor" means any person who distributes, transports, or produces natural gas or electricity for use or consumption in Maryland.

[(7) "Weatherization" means the systematic application of insulation materials to a structure to retard the loss of the heated or cooled air within that structure.]

6-403.

The [Energy Assistance and Information Program] OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS is created for the general purpose of developing, implementing, and administering the [State] Energy Assistance [and Information] Program Act.

6-404.

(a) [The Energy Assistance and Information Program is part of the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity. A coordinator for the program shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity. The