

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

C. This Executive Order is effective January 28, 1987.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JULY 8, 1987

01.01.1987.16

GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PORT OF BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, The Maryland Port Administration was established in 1971 as an agency of State government and given the mission of increasing the amount of waterborne cargo moving through port facilities in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, This mission had been held previously by a semiautonomous unit of government, the Maryland Port Administration; and

WHEREAS, The level of competition in the port industry has increased dramatically since 1971; and

WHEREAS, Most of this competition is posed by port agencies that operate as private corporations or as quasi-public organizations; and

WHEREAS, Independent consultants studying port operations have cited the Maryland Port Administration's administrative procedures as a potentially negative factor that could limit the Port of Baltimore's future success; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly has questioned the ability of the Maryland Port Administration to compete successfully against other port agencies while operating as a public agency; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has directed the Maryland Port Administration to identify those aspects of State agency status that impede the Maryland Port Administration's efforts to fulfill its mission, to cite examples where problems have occurred or could occur, and to propose solutions to these problems (Report of the Chairmen of the House Appropriation and Senate Budget and Tax Committees, 1987 Session).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. The Special Committee