

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

State Asbestos Safety and Health Program; and

WHEREAS, Asbestos survey and abatement activities have been occurring simultaneously with but not as an official part of the Asbestos Safety and Health Program; and

WHEREAS, Recent experience has shown that a comprehensive program that deals with all facets of the asbestos problem is needed;

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 RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1983.09 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Asbestos Oversight Committee.

(1) There is an Asbestos Oversight Committee in the Executive Branch. This Committee is tasked to define the status of the asbestos situation in the State with respect to its employees and facilities and to develop and implement an asbestos management plan and appropriate policies to effectively address and resolve any related asbestos issues.

(2) The Asbestos Oversight Committee consists of Secretaries or designees, from the following Departments:

- (a) The Department of the Environment;
 - (b) The Department of Licensing and Regulation;
 - (c) The Department of General Services;
 - (d) The Department of Personnel;
 - (e) The Department of State Planning;
 - (f) Two public members appointed by the Governor;
- and

(g) A designee of the Speaker of the House of Delegates and a designee of the President of the Senate to represent the General Assembly's interests in asbestos-related matters involving Legislative facilities.

The Chair of the Committee shall be the Secretary, Department of the Environment, or designee.

(3) The Committee may invite participation by representatives of other State agencies having an interest in the asbestos management issue.

(4) The Committee shall meet at least quarterly each