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CHAPTER 14

(House Bill 161)

AN ACT concerning

Governor's Energy Emergency Powers

FOR the purpose of ~~removing the limited~~ extending the time period for the authorization to the Governor of certain powers during energy crisis emergency situations until a certain date; ~~providing for the suspension or modification of certain vehicle weight restrictions under certain circumstances~~; and generally relating to the Governor's emergency powers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 2-101(c-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

2-101.

(c-1) (1) As used in this subtitle, {but only until July 1, 1994 1993,} “crisis”, “disaster”, “catastrophe”, and “or similar public emergency” also refers to a situation where the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of this State are threatened by reason of an actual or impending acute shortage in usable energy resources. Upon reasonable apprehension that such a crisis, disaster, catastrophe, or similar public emergency exists, the Governor may proclaim a state of emergency. In that event the Governor's orders, rules, and regulations, promulgated as provided in this subtitle, may also include, by way of further enumerated example rather than limitation, and notwithstanding any other provision or limitation of State or local law:

(i) Provisions for the establishment and implementation of programs, controls, standards, priorities, and quotas for the allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy resources;