

(4) Orders, rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor pursuant to the powers granted above, under this subsection shall first be presented to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review or whatever other joint committee if any may be substituted by law by the General Assembly to carry out its responsibilities with respect to the energy crisis for approval or rejection. If the committee fails to take action within seven days of submission of the orders, rules and regulations, the orders, rules and regulations shall become effective as promulgated by the Governor. In the event of extraordinary circumstances in which it is not feasible to secure the approval of the committee an order, rule, or regulation may become effective immediately, and shall within two days be communicated to the chairman of the committee and be subject to reversal by the full committee which shall be convened within five days of communication of the order, rule or regulation. All records of orders, rules and regulations and committee meetings shall be open to the public.

(5) In addition to the specific emergency powers contained in this subtitle, the General Assembly of Maryland recognizes and confirms the Governor's power to exercise fully the authority necessary to implement any federal mandatory energy emergency program as set forth in any federal programs, laws, orders, rules, or regulations relating to the allocation, conservation, or consumption of energy resources.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 14, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 57

### (House Bill 299)

AN ACT concerning

### **Workers' Compensation - Domestic Servants - Election to be Covered Employee**

FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, an individual who is employed as a domestic servant and is not a covered employee to elect to be considered a covered employee; and providing a certain exception.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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