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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(Departmental - Energy Administration, Maryland)**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside Program - Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of continuing the existence of the State Standby Petroleum Fuel  
4 Set-Aside Program by extending to a certain date the termination provisions for  
5 the Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments  
8 Section 10-811  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Adequate supplies of fuel are essential to the protection of the  
13 public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Maryland; and

14 WHEREAS, Any severe disruption in fuel supplied for use within the State  
15 would cause grave hardship and pose a threat to the health and economic well-being  
16 of the people of State; and

17 WHEREAS, The existing petroleum distribution system serves the needs of  
18 Maryland fuel users and can be expected to do so until an acute shortage in petroleum  
19 supplies occurs; and

1 WHEREAS, Pursuant to federal law, including the Emergency Petroleum  
2 Allocation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-159), as amended by the Energy Policy and  
3 Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163), the Maryland Energy Administration has extensive  
4 experience administering the State set-aside program; and

5 WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12287 ended the federal petroleum pricing and  
6 allocation controls, including the State set-aside program on January 28, 1981; and

7 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973,  
8 as amended by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, authorizing the  
9 implementation of a State set-aside program, terminated on September 30, 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly responded to the termination of that Act by  
11 enacting Chapter 364 of the Acts of 1982, which created the State Standby Petroleum  
12 Fuel Set-Aside Program, which can be activated upon declaration by the Governor of  
13 an energy emergency to mitigate hardships and emergency conditions caused by a  
14 fuel shortage; and

15 WHEREAS, The provisions of the State Standby Petroleum Fuel Set-Aside  
16 Program were last extended by the General Assembly in 1995 and the Program will  
17 now terminate on July 1, 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest for the State of Maryland to establish and  
19 maintain in a state of readiness the State Standby Petroleum Set-Aside Program,  
20 which can be activated upon declaration of the Governor of an energy emergency to  
21 mitigate hardships and emergency conditions caused by a fuel shortage; now,  
22 therefore,

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

25 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

26 10-811.

27 This subtitle shall remain effective only until July 1, [2000] 2005, and, at the  
28 end of June 30, [2000,] 2005, with no further action required by the General  
29 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2000.

