

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF AUGUST 11, 1989

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State Employees Risk Management Administration

WHEREAS, Occupational injuries by State workers are a serious concern in the administration of an efficient and effective government workforce; and

WHEREAS, The State must continue to provide and maintain a work environment which supports the health, well-being, and productivity of its employees as they carry out their responsibilities to the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the well-being of its workers, the State also has an obligation to reduce the financial burden caused by occupational injuries, as these costs are borne by the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence that implementing formal and effective accident prevention and loss control programs can help to eliminate or reduce occupational injuries and illnesses in the State workforce; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a centralized unit to coordinate the State's efforts in protecting its workers and to ease the financial burden on its citizens;

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 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. There is a State Employees Risk Management Administration.
- B. The State Employees Risk Management Administration shall be located as a program of the Maryland State Accident Fund, ("The Fund"), an independent agency which will coordinate its efforts with the Office of the Governor.
- C. The Fund will be responsible for planning, designing, implementing, controlling, and evaluating the provisions of this Executive Order, including the State Employees Risk Management Administration.
- D. The Fund shall maintain all case files and compile an adequate data base to carry out the intent of this Executive Order.
- E. The Fund shall establish education and training programs to inform all State Departments and Agencies of their responsibilities under provisions of this Executive Order.
- F. There is a Maryland State Employees Risk Management Advisory Council ("Council") that consists of representatives of the Governor and members or designees of the following State agencies:

- (1) Governor;