

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. General Policy. The State of Maryland is committed to developing and implementing a program to curb the diversion of prescription drugs into unlawful channels and to reduce the abuse and misuse of such drugs.

B. There is a Governor's Prescription Drug Commission. The Commission consists of the following 18 members, appointed by the Governor.

(1) A representative of the Attorney General's Office recommended by the Attorney General;

(2) A representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recommended by the Secretary;

(3) A representative of the Department of Personnel recommended by the Secretary;

(4) A representative of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services recommended by the Secretary;

(5) A representative of the State Police recommended by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

(6) A representative of the Governor's staff;

(7) A licensed Maryland physician;

(8) A licensed Maryland dentist;

(9) A licensed Maryland pharmacist;

(10) A licensed Maryland veterinarian;

(11) A licensed Maryland nurse practitioner;

(12) A licensed Maryland podiatrist;

(13) A representative of the health insurance industry;

(14) The Insurance Commissioner;

(15) A State's Attorney; and

(16) 3 members from the public-at-large.

C. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the members.

D. Responsibilities of the Commission.

(1) The Commission shall make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene concerning the State's efforts to reduce the diversion, abuse and misuse of prescription drugs.