The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 20-03-23-03
PROHIBITING EXCESS PROFITS ON CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Laws of Maryland 2020, approved by the Governor on March 19, 2020, authorizes the Governor to prohibit retailers from increasing prices to receive excess profits; and

WHEREAS, Such prohibitions are necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND 2020, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. Except to the extent preempted by applicable federal law, a retailer is prohibited from increasing the sale or rental price of the following goods or services to a price that increases the retailer's value of profit by more than 10%:

a. Food;
b. Beverages;
c. Fuel;
d. Water;
e. Ice;
f. Medicine;
g. Hygiene and personal care products;

h. Medical supplies or equipment;
i. Cleaning products;
j. Pet food;
k. Veterinary care;
l. Motor vehicle parts and repairs;
m. Building supplies and equipment;
n. Home improvement and maintenance;
o. Storage space;
p. Delivery, including shipping and handling;
q. Computers, related electronic devices, or software programs;
r. Energy sources;
s. Batteries;
t. Internet, telephone, or telecommunications;
u. Video streaming;
v. Website hosting; and
w. Child care.

II. This Order remains effective, except as may be rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders, until the termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, but in all events no later than the end of April 30, 2021.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor