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 Article - Health - General  
 Section 18-102  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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 Article - State Government  
 Section 3-401  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 16A - Maryland Emergency Management Agency**

3.

As used in this subtitle:

(d) "Emergency" means:

(1) [the] THE threat or occurrence of [an enemy attack or] any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, [act of terrorism] or other catastrophe in any part of the State which requires State emergency assistance to supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public ~~health and safety~~ ~~HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE~~; OR

(2) THE THREAT OR OCCURRENCE OF ANY ENEMY ATTACK, ACT OF TERRORISM, OR PUBLIC HEALTH CATASTROPHE.

6.

(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this subtitle. In the event of the occurrence or threat of an emergency [beyond local control], the Governor may assume direct operational control over all or any part of any emergency management function created or authorized by this article. The Governor may delegate such powers as he may see fit [to the Adjutant General or the Director] TO AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR AS THE HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY.

(b) In performing his duties under this subtitle, the Governor:

(1) May cooperate with the federal government, with other states, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the emergency management operations of this State and of the nation;