

(B) (1) "CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY" MEANS AN IMMINENT THREAT OF EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR OF SERIOUS DISABILITY CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT.

(2) "DEADLY AGENT" MEANS:

(I) ANTHRAX, EBOLA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TULAREMIA, OR OTHER BACTERIAL, FUNGAL, RICKETTSIAL, OR VIRAL AGENT, BIOLOGICAL TOXIN, OR OTHER AGENT CAPABLE OF CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS DISABILITY;

(II) MUSTARD GAS, NERVE GAS, OR OTHER CHEMICAL AGENT CAPABLE OF CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS DISABILITY; OR

(III) RADIATION AT LEVELS CAPABLE OF CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS DISABILITY.

(3) "EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT" MEANS A THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH CAUSED BY:

(I) ~~THE RELEASE OR DISTRIBUTION~~ RELEASE, DISTRIBUTION, OR TRANSMISSION OF A DEADLY AGENT IN MARYLAND; OR

(II) ~~THE RELEASE OR DISTRIBUTION~~ RELEASE, DISTRIBUTION, OR TRANSMISSION OF A DEADLY AGENT IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT POSES AN IMMINENT THREAT TO MARYLAND CITIZENS THROUGH THE MOVEMENT OF EXPOSED INDIVIDUALS, ~~WIND CURRENTS,~~ OR OTHER CAUSE INTO THE STATE.

(4) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-114(E)(1) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(5) (I) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-114(F) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(II) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER UNDER § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(6) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS:

(I) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY; OR

(II) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

(7) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

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(A) IF THE GOVERNOR DETERMINES THAT EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT PRESENTS AN IMMINENT THREAT OF EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR OF SERIOUS DISABILITY, THE GOVERNOR MAY ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING ~~PROCLAIM~~ THE EXISTENCE OF A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.