

Amend- article sixty-five of the Public General Laws, title "Militia,"  
ment. sub-title "Maryland National Guard," be and the same are  
hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

First out of the volunteer uniformed organizations now existing  
brigade. together with such others as are herein provided for, shall  
constitute as now a body of active militia, and shall consist  
of not more than forty companies, to contain not more than  
twenty-four hundred enlisted men, and shall be known as  
"The Maryland National Guard."

Organiza- SEC. 27. That said force, constituting said brigade, until  
tions otherwise provided, by the General Assembly, shall consist  
forming of the following organizations : The first regiment, the fifth  
first regiment, the second battalion, the third battalion, the  
brigade. fourth battalion, and three independent colored companies ;  
composed in part, in addition to the ten companies now com-  
posing the fifth regiment and the four companies now com-  
posing the fourth battalion, of the following companies :  
One company in Frederick City, one at Unionville, Frederick  
County ; one company in Hagerstown, three companies in  
Cumberland, one company in Frostburg, one company in  
Oakland, one company in Towson, one company in Belair,  
one company in Havre de Grace, one company in Annapolis,  
one company in Upper Marlboro', one company in Elkton,  
one company in Easton, one company in Snow Hill, Wor-  
cester County ; one company in Brooklyn, Anne Arundel  
County, and one company in Cambridge, and the following  
six companies in Baltimore City : Howard Zouaves No. 1,  
Howard Zouaves No. 2, the Waverly Guard, the Woodberry  
Guard, the Monumental City Guard, and the Baltimore Rifles,  
and the Fifth Regiment shall have power and authority to  
enlist and recruit two new companies when permitted by the  
commander-in-chief, and the fourth battalion may be formed  
into a regiment to be called the fourth regiment, when author-  
ized by the commander-in-chief, to the number of not  
exceeding twelve companies, either by assignment of com-  
panies already existing or by enlisting such new companies  
as the commander-in-chief may permit, and direct and the  
first regiment second battalion and third battalion shall  
consist of such companies as they now have or as they may be  
formed into by assignment of companies to them and from  
them by the commander-in-chief, provided the integrity of  
the second battalion shall not be impaired or destroyed  
so long as said battalion shall maintain its efficiency in  
numbers and organizations as now required by law, and  
that the whole brigade shall not consist of more than forty  
companies as aforesaid, and provided further, that the