

bers elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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## CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT providing for the suspension or stay, during the continuance of the present war, of civil proceedings, at law or in equity, instituted by or against persons in the National Guard or Naval Militia or in the Maryland State Guard while on active service, or in the military or naval service of the United States, and prescribing the manner, duration, terms and extent of application of such suspension or stay.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all civil causes and proceedings, whether at law or in equity, which may be pending at the time this Act takes effect, or which may hereafter be instituted during the continuance of the present war, by or against any person in the National Guard or Naval Militia or in the Maryland State Guard while on active service, or in the military or naval service of the United States, shall be suspended and stayed, upon the application of such person, or his representative or attorney, provided:

a. The court to which such application is made shall find that such person is unable to prosecute, answer or defend such cause or proceedings or to be present at the hearing or trial thereof, by reason of his service as aforesaid, and that the interests of justice require such suspension or stay; and provided, further, that:

b. Such person, or his representative or attorney, shall comply with such conditions, as to the giving of bond or other security or undertaking, or as to the making of any deposit, or as to any other matters or things, which the said court may deem proper to impose as conditions of such suspension or stay.