

personnel shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if it were performing its duties in the political subdivision in which it is normally employed or acts.

(d) Whenever the United States or any agency or officer thereof shall offer equipment, supplies, materials or funds for or relating to defense activities, or any other activities relating to the war effort, to the State or any political subdivision thereof, the State or such political subdivision is hereby authorized to accept such offer, and the Executive Committee of the Maryland Council of Defense shall have power to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and orders for the use of such equipment, supplies, materials and funds subject to the terms of the offer and subject also to the rules and regulations of the Federal agency making the offer.

(e) Neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof nor its agents or representatives nor any member of the municipal, county or volunteer agency nor any individual, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, receiver, or any of the agents thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with any law or duly promulgated rule, regulation or order relating to blackouts, air raid drills or other activities connected with the protection of the civil population from air raids or enemy attacks shall be liable for any injury or death to persons or damage to property as the result of such activity. The foregoing shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he might otherwise be entitled under the Workmen's Compensation Law or any pension law of this State, or the right of any person otherwise entitled to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of Congress, or of this State.

(f) Neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, nor their agents or representatives, shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or acting as a civilian defense worker or member of any agency engaged in civilian defense activity. The foregoing shall not effect the rights of any person to receive benefits or compensation to which he might otherwise be entitled under the Workmen's Compensation Law or any pension law or any act of Congress or of this State.

FIRE DEFENSE MOBILIZATION.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That (a) Outside Service by Paid, Volunteer and Auxiliary Firemen.* At the request of the Chief Executive or governing body of any county, city, town, village or fire district, the head of any fire department