

United States, the District of Columbia, or any subdivision thereof, to provide for the reception, housing, maintenance, and care of evacuees, shall prepare all necessary plans for the conduct of such evacuation, and may when in their judgment the public interest or the safety of such persons creates the necessity therefor order and compel, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, or any such person or persons designated by said Secretary of War, the evacuation from Prince George's County of any such persons to such place or places as they may designate. In the event of such evacuation, the said County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to obligate the said County for the payment of all necessary costs, and to make such regulations and rules as they may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, and, for the purpose of compelling evacuation, may authorize custody by the authorized Special Police of any person or persons, which custody shall be effective until the point of destination has been reached.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners are authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate with the proper authorities of the Government of the United States, the States of Maryland and Virginia, and the counties and municipalities therein, and the District of Columbia, to effect a uniform Civilian Defense plan for a synchronization of blackouts and other related matters as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Act; and to accept from, or loan to, the aforesaid authorities all facilities, supplies, equipment, personnel and funds that may be from time to time required, and to agree to such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as may be imposed in connection with such offers or loans.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the statutory penalty upon conviction of any crime, committed during any authorized blackout, shall be doubled.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Act, or any rules, regulations, ordinances or orders promulgated pursuant thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both, for each offense.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of