

ARTICLE 14. This compact shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article 1 hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and execute, on behalf of the State of Maryland, such civil defense compacts with other States, possessions or territories of the United States or with the District of Columbia, substantially in the form hereinbefore set forth, provided that the Board of Public Works, with the concurrence of the Director of Civil Defense, may approve alterations of the terms, provisions and conditions of the aforesaid proposed civil defense compact so long as said alterations are in substantial compliance with the terms, provisions and conditions hereinbefore set forth and when the Governor, in the exercise of the power as aforesaid, enters into and executes a civil defense compact on behalf of the State of Maryland, said compact is hereby approved and ratified and every paragraph, clause, provision, matter and thing in the said compact contained shall be obligatory on this State and the citizens thereof, and shall be forever faithfully and inviolably observed, and kept by the government of this State and all of its citizens according to the true intent and meaning of the said compact.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit duly authenticated copies of such compacts and of this Act to the Governor of each State entering into such compacts, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, the Secretary of State of the United States, and the Council of State Governments.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this sub-title shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional and invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or section thereof so found unconstitutional and invalid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the