

## CHAPTER 57

## (Senate Bill 117)

AN ACT to add a new Section 32 to Article 16A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Civil Defense", (said Article having been created by legislation enacted by the General Assembly of 1962), said new section to follow immediately after Section 31 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Emergency Powers of Administration", authorizing the Governor to exercise administrative and executive powers on behalf of a Board of County Commissioners if by reason of a military or warlike catastrophe a majority of the members of any Board of County Commissioners are not present and available for either a temporary or an indefinite period; and providing that these powers are effective only during the period covered by an official proclamation of the Governor declaring the existence of a civil defense emergency or disaster area, actual or threatened.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 32 be and it is hereby added to Article 16A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Civil Defense", (said Article having been created by legislation enacted by the General Assembly of 1962), said new section to follow immediately after Section 31 thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Emergency Powers of Administration", and to read as follows:

*Emergency Powers of Administration*

*32. If, by reason of any military or warlike catastrophe, a majority of the members of any board of county commissioners are killed, or are sick, incapacitated, missing, or otherwise unavailable for either a temporary or an indefinite period, the Governor may exercise any of the administrative and executive powers provided by law for that board of county commissioners, until such time as a number of county commissioners sufficient to operate the county government are appointed and qualify. The powers provided in this section exist and may be exercised only during the effective period of an official proclamation by the Governor, declaring a portion or all of the county to be within a civil defense emergency or disaster area, actual or threatened.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved March 23, 1962.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.