

exercise of the police power of the State to provide adequate control over persons and conditions during such periods of impending or actual public crisis or disaster. The provisions of this Act shall be broadly construed to effectuate this purpose.

(b) Definitions. The following terms are defined for the purposes of this subtitle.

(1) "Crisis," "disaster," "rioting," "catastrophe" and "or similar public emergency" shall refer to a situation in which three or more persons are, contemporaneously, both as to time and place, engaged in tumultuous conduct which tends to the commission of unlawful acts which disturb the public peace or which tend to precipitate the unlawful destruction or damage of public or private property.

(2) "Orders," "rules" and "regulations" shall mean directives reasonably calculated effectively to control and terminate the crisis, disaster, rioting, catastrophe or similar public emergency.

(3) "Promulgate" shall mean to announce publicly.

(4) "Any action" shall mean such measures as shall be reasonably calculated effectively to control and terminate the crisis, disaster, rioting, catastrophe or similar public emergency.

(5) "Militia" shall mean the organized and unorganized militia as defined by Article 65, Section 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition).

(c) Procedure and executive proclamations. During times of public crisis, disaster, rioting, catastrophe or similar public emergency within the State, and when public safety is imperiled, or upon reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, the Governor may proclaim a state of emergency and designate the area involved upon his own volition; or upon the application of the chief executive officer of a county, city or local municipality; or upon the application of the governing body of a county, city or local municipality; or upon the application of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. Following such proclamation, the Governor may promulgate such reasonable orders, rules and regulations as he deems necessary to protect life and property, or to bring the emergency situation within the affected area under control, after reasonable notice of such orders, rules and regulations is given in a paper of general circulation or through television or radio serving the affected area or by circulating notices or by posting signs at conspicuous places within the affected area. Such orders, rules and regulations, by way of enumerated example rather than limitation, may provide for the control of traffic, including public and private transportation, within the affected area; designation of specific zones within the area in which, under necessitous circumstances, the occupancy and use of buildings and vehicles may be controlled; control of the movement of persons or vehicles into, within or from these designated areas; control of places of amusement, of assembly, and of persons on public streets and thoroughfares; establishment of curfews; control of the sale, transportation and use of alcoholic beverages and liquors; control of the possession, sale, carrying and use of firearms or other dangerous weapons and ammunition; and the control of the storage, use and transportation of explosives or inflammable materials or liquids deemed to be dangerous to public safety, *which shall include but not*