

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, including portions of the several Codes of Public Local Laws for the Political Subdivisions of Maryland are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 53 and 63 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume) subtitles "In General," and "Maryland State Guard," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

53.

¶Every member of the organized militia shall be exempt from jury duty, provided he shall present certificate of his immediate commanding officer to the effect that he has performed the duties required of him for the year immediately preceding the summons to act as jurymen, and every such member who shall have received a full and honorable discharge shall be exempt for the three years next succeeding his discharge, from all jury duty.¶ Every regiment or separate organization of the organized militia of this State may receive and have as many honorary members as it has active and uniformed members, on payment in advance by each person desiring to become such honorary member, of not less than ten dollars per annum, which money shall be received by the commanding officer of the regiment or separate organization, and be by him applied to a special fund of such organization and expended by the commanding officer for the best interests of his organization, and the commanding officer of every regiment and separate organization, shall, on or before the first day of June and December in each and every year, render to the ranking line officer an account of the money so received and expended by him, and every such honorary member shall be entitled to receive a certificate of honorary membership of the said regiment or separate organization, to be signed by the commanding officer thereof, or some officer designated by him for that purpose, and bearing the date of its issue.

63.

The Governor is hereby authorized to prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this subtitle governing the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training and discipline of such forces; provided, however, such rules and regulations, insofar as he deems practicable and desirable, shall conform to existing law governing and pertaining to the National Guard and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and shall prohibit the acceptance of gifts, donations, gratuities or anything of value by such forces or by any member of such forces from any individual, firm, association, or corporation by reason of such membership. ¶Except when actually on active duty, no member of any branch of the organized militia, except the National Guard, shall be exempt from jury service. Honorary membership in any branch of the organized militia except the National Guard shall not at any time be a cause of exemption from jury service.¶

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* ~~That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.~~ THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN EACH COUNTY AND IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE ON (1) THE