

7.

(a) Each political subdivision of this State is hereby authorized and directed to establish a local organization for civil defense in accordance with the State civil defense plan and program and to participate in federal programs for civil defense. Each local organization for civil defense AND EMERGENCY PLANNING shall have a director who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the mayor or governing body of the political subdivisions, and who shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of such local organization for civil defense AND EMERGENCY PLANNING subject to the direction and control of said mayor or governing body, under general power of the Governor *and Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services*. The local organization shall have such staff, personnel and program as may be required from time to time by the State civil defense organization, except where the local political subdivision comprises a population in excess of 750,000 and maintains a full-time staff and personnel to carry out the State civil defense plan and program.

8.

The Director, *with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services*, and in collaboration with other public and private agencies within the State, will develop, or cause to be developed, mutual aid arrangements for reciprocal civil defense aid and assistance in case of disaster of extreme nature which affects two or more political subdivisions.

10.

In carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, the Governor, *the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services*, and the executive officers or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the State are directed to utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the State and of the political subdivisions thereof to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Governor or *to the Secretary or to the Director* and to the civil defense organizations throughout the State upon request.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 3(a), 3(c), 4, 9(c) and 10(a) of Article 26A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition~~, 1966 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

3.

(a) There is hereby created in the [executive department] *Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services* a Board, to be known as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, to consist of three members, no more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the *Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services*, with the ap-