

FOR the purpose of dealing comprehensively with emergencies and major disasters in all their stages and from any cause; to change the name of the Maryland Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency to Maryland Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Agency; setting forth the power and authority of the Governor in the case of emergencies and major disasters; defining "emergency" and "major disaster" as used in this Act; providing authority to declare a local state of emergency within a political subdivision; protecting those who provide premises without charge or compensation from being liable for personal injuries, property damage, or death by persons using those premises; providing that the State may accept, manage, and dispose of federal funds and commodities as required by federal law as relating to grants and public assistance; and generally relating to emergencies and major disasters as defined by this Act.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 16A - Civil Defense
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7(a), 9, 10, 12, 14(a) and
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Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 16A - Civil Defense
Section 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments
Section 204A(a) and 204D(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 261(a) (13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)