

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16 of Article 65 - Militia, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 65 - Militia

16.

(A) The ranking line officer [is authorized and directed to] SHALL take out and thereafter maintain a policy or policies of insurance with the State Accident Fund or with any stock corporation or mutual association authorized to transact the business of workmen's compensation insurance in this State, to secure compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Law to all officers and enlisted men of the organized militia of the State of Maryland[; provided that, whenever]. HOWEVER, IF and so long as provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this article is made by the federal government for an officer or enlisted man or employee of the Military Department of Maryland injured in the course of employment, such officer, enlisted man or employee [shall not be] IS NOT entitled to the benefits of this section. SHOULD ANY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE LESS THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY [[THIS ARTICLE]] ARTICLE 101, THE [[EMPLOYER AND HIS]] STATE AND ITS INSURER SHALL FURNISH THE ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IN ORDER TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BENEFIT PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SIMILAR BENEFIT REQUIRED BY [[THIS ARTICLE]] ARTICLE 101.

(B) The ranking line officer [is authorized and directed to] SHALL pay the necessary premium or premiums for said policy or policies of insurance out of appropriations for the militia to be included in the State budget by the Governor of the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 33 of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

33.

(A) In time of peace and while engaged in military service all officers and enlisted men of the organized militia of the State of Maryland shall be deemed workmen of the State for wages within the meaning of this section[; provided that, whenever]. HOWEVER, IF and so long as provision equal to or better than that given under the terms of this article is made by the federal government for an employee of the military department of Maryland injured in the course of employment, such