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The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this subtitle, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) The term "wages" means all remuneration for employment as defined herein, including the cash value of all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash, except that such terms shall not include, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SICK PAY AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE that part of such remuneration which, even if it were for "employment" within the meaning of the Federal Contributions Act, would not constitute "wages" within the meaning of that act.

(b) THE TERM "SICK PAY" MEANS ANY PAYMENT MADE TO AN EMPLOYEE ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT DISABILITY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 64A, SECTION 37 OF THE CODE OR AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 64A, § 37 OF THE CODE THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 505

(Senate Bill 830)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Management Act

FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Maryland Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Agency to be the State Emergency Management and Civil Defense Agency; providing that the definition of "Emergency" as used in this Act includes any earthquake or act of terrorism; repealing the definition of and references to the term "major disaster"; abolishing the Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council, establishing the Emergency Management Advisory Council and providing for its membership and responsibilities; providing that orders, rules and regulations of the Governor will have the force and effect of law; providing the Governor with certain additional authority during an emergency, including the power to suspend statutes and rules and regulations of State agencies; providing for the effect of an executive order or proclamation on the director