

The Governor is hereby authorized to enter into a compact on behalf of the State of Maryland with such other states that may by their legislative bodies so authorize a compact in form substantially as follows:]

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Article I. Purposes

The purposes of this compact are to:

(a) Provide for mutual aid among the states of the United States party to this compact in the utilization of the National Guard to cope with emergencies.

(b) Permit and encourage a high degree of flexibility in the deployment of National Guard forces in the interest of efficiency.

(c) Maximize the effectiveness of the National Guard in those situations which call for its utilization under this compact.

(d) Provide protection for the rights of National Guard personnel when serving in other states on emergency duty.]

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Article II. Entry into Force and Withdrawal

(a) This compact shall enter into force when enacted into law by any two states and approved by the Congress of the United States. Thereafter, this compact shall become effective as to any other state upon its enactment thereof.

(b) Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of such withdrawal to the governors of all other party states.]

[92.

Article III. Mutual Aid

(a) As used in this article:

(1) "Emergency" means an occurrence or condition, temporary in nature, in which police and other public safety officials and locally available National Guard forces are, or may reasonably be expected to be, unable to cope with substantial and imminent danger to the public safety.

(2) "Requesting state" means the state whose governor requests assistance in coping with an emergency.