(b) Authorize or permit National Guard units to be placed under the field command of any person not having the military or National Guard rank or status required by law for the field command position in question.

195.

## Article VI. Construction and Severability

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating herein, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

196.

Any liability of the State of Maryland pursuant to Article III(f) of the compact shall be paid out of the General Emergency Fund.

[97.

In accordance with Article III(h) of the compact, members of the National Guard forces of the State of Maryland shall be deemed to be in State service at all times when engaged pursuant to this compact, and shall be entitled to all rights and benefits provided for under Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume).]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 14, 1981.

CHAPTER 24

(Senate Bill 313)

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