

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Safety

13-705.

(a) The rights granted to members of the National Guard AND MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE by this section shall be in addition to the rights granted to them by federal law, including the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

(b) The following provisions of federal law shall be adopted as State law and applied to members of the National Guard AND MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE:

(1) the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 applies only when members of the National Guard OR MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE are ordered to military duty under this title or Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code for a period of 14 consecutive days or longer; and

(2) the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act applies when members of the National Guard OR MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE are ordered to military duty under this title or Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code for any period of time.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 11, 2006.

CHAPTER 89

(House Bill 354)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax - Credit for Repaired or Reconstructed Dwelling

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain mandatory local tax credit for certain dwellings that are damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster; altering the applicability of a certain property tax exemption for certain dwellings that are damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster; creating a certain local option tax credit for certain dwellings that are damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster; authorizing local governments to consider additional eligibility criteria for a certain local option tax credit; altering a certain date for the repair or reconstruction of a damaged dwelling for purposes of certain property tax relief; and generally relating to property tax relief for repaired or reconstructed dwellings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property