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All able-bodied [male] citizens of the State and all able-bodied [males] PERSONS of foreign birth, who have declared their intentions to become citizens of the State, and who are residents therein, shall constitute the militia, subject to the following exemptions: (1) persons exempted by the laws of the United States; (2) persons exempted by the laws of Maryland; (3) the members of any regularly organized fire or police department in any city, village or town; (4) judges and clerks of courts of record, registers of wills and deeds, sheriffs, ministers of the Gospel, members of religious communities, ecclesiastical students in the various seminaries and schools of divinity, practicing physicians, superintendents, officers and assistants of hospitals, prisons and jails; all persons actually employed as teachers in any established school, college or university; lighthouse keepers, conductors and engineers of railways, seamen actually employed as such; (5) idiots, lunatics, paupers, vagabonds, confirmed drunkards, persons addicted to the use of narcotic drugs, and persons convicted of infamous crimes; all such exempted persons, except as enumerated in items (1) and (2) shall be available for military duty in case of war, insurrection, invasion or imminent danger thereof. Whenever the masculine gender is used in this article, IT ALSO INCLUDES THE FEMININE GENDER, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW it is to be understood as including any female citizens of this State who voluntarily enlist in the organized militia.

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The militia of this State shall be divided into two classes: The organized militia and the unorganized militia. The organized militia of the State shall consist of officers appointed and commissioned by the Governor, and of such able-bodied [male] citizens of the State, and such able-bodied [males] PERSONS of foreign birth as have declared their intentions to become citizens of the State, resident therein, as shall be regularly enlisted therein, including the National Guard, the State Guard and the reserve militia (Minute Men). A military office for which no salary is provided in the budget shall not be considered an office of profit.

The unorganized militia shall consist of all those liable to serve but not regularly enlisted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

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