CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 17:15)

AN ACT concerning

Militia - Full-Time Support Personnel

FOR the purpose of redesignating which members of the Maryland National Guard have certain powers; and deleting a certain reference.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 65 - Militia Section 8A Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 65 - Militia

8A.

All members of the Maryland National Guard, who are designated by the Adjutant General of Maryland as National Guard [on-site technicians] FULL-TIME SUPPORT PERSONNEL pursuant to the provisions of 32 U.S.C.A. 709 and who are under the control or jurisdiction of the Military Department, State of Maryland, and who are acting in such capacity, are hereby invested, in and for the military area to which assigned, with the same police power, authority and status, with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating thereto, as sheriffs, constables, police or peace officers possess and exercise in their respective jurisdictions; and all such persons shall also have all the immunities and matters of defense now available, or such as hereafter may be made available, to sheriffs, constables, police or peace officers, in any suit, criminal or civil, brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their employment and duty.

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

Approved May 15, 1984.