

Section 4-105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 65 - Militia
Section 15A
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 16A - [State] MARYLAND Emergency
Management [and Civil Defense] AGENCY

1.

This subtitle may be cited as the [State] MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] AGENCY Act.

2.

(a) In order to insure that the State will be adequately prepared to deal with emergencies and disasters which are beyond the capabilities of local authorities, and generally to provide for the common defense and to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Maryland, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary: (1) to create a [State] MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] Agency, and to authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency management [and civil defense] in the political subdivisions of the State; (2) to confer upon the Governor and upon the executive heads or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the State the emergency powers provided herein; and (3) to provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the State and with other states with respect to the carrying out of the emergency management functions.

(b) It is further declared to be the purpose of this subtitle and the policy of the State of Maryland that all emergency management functions of this State be coordinated to the maximum extent possible with the comparable functions of the federal government, other states and localities, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of the resources and facilities available for dealing with any disaster that may occur.

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