

emergency management [and civil defense] organizations throughout the State upon request. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNOR, THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD WILL UTILIZE ITS SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND FACILITIES IN LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

12.

It is the duty of every emergency management [and civil defense] organization established pursuant to this subtitle and of the officers thereof, to execute and enforce such orders, rules and regulations as may be made by the Governor under authority of this subtitle.

13.

In order to provide for, strengthen, and expedite national defense under the emergency conditions which are threatening the peace and security of the United States and of this State and to enable this State the more successfully to fulfill the requirements of national defense, provision is made to suspend enforcement of civil liabilities, in certain cases of persons in emergency management [and civil defense] service in order to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the emergency management [and civil defense] needs of the State and nation; and in certain cases of persons who have suffered personal injury or property damage in order to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the cure or improvement of the injuries or damage suffered; and to this end the following provisions are made for the temporary suspension of legal proceedings and transactions which may prejudice the civil rights of persons in such service during the period herein specified over which this subtitle remains in force.

14.

(a) The term "person in emergency management [and civil defense] service" in this subtitle means a person who is a member of or who works for the [State] MARYLAND emergency management [and civil defense] organization or a local emergency management [and civil defense] organization.

(b) The term "person suffering injury or damage" in this subtitle means a person who has suffered a death in his immediate family, serious personal injury to himself or a member of his immediate family, or extensive property damage to property owned by him or by a member of his immediate family.

(c) The definitions in subsections (a) and (b) apply and this entire subtitle is effective and applicable only during the effective period of an official proclamation by the Governor which declares a stated area to be within an emergency or disaster area, actual or threatened.