

(ii) Any civilian employee of the Maryland State Police ~~OR OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE~~ assigned to enforce any rule or regulation adopted under this section, but only while acting under written authorization of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; ~~or~~

(III) ANY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE WHO IS:

1. ACTING UNDER THE IMMEDIATE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF A UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER;

2. ACTING UNDER THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE; AND

3. CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE TO PERFORM AN INSPECTION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

~~(iii)~~ (IV) Any civilian employee of a local government who is:

1. Acting under the immediate direction and control of a uniformed police officer;

2. Acting under the written authorization of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; and

3. Certified by the Maryland State Police to perform an inspection authorized under this section.

(4) "Public Service Commission inspector" means a person who is assigned by the Public Service Commission and certified by the Maryland State Police to perform an inspection authorized under this section.

(5) "Transportation emergency" means any natural or man-made emergency that disrupts or hinders the free flow of traffic on the State's highways and local streets and roads for more than 8 hours so that public safety is or may be threatened as a result.

(6) "Utility emergency" means any natural or man-made emergency that disrupts or severs or has the potential to disrupt or sever gas, electric, telephone, water, sewer, or other utility service to:

(i) Any large number of residential or commercial customers in an area or areas of the State; or

(ii) Any public or private institutions in an area or areas of the State so that the public health, welfare, or safety is or may be threatened as a result.

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(f) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, law enforcement officers of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, the Maryland Port Administration Police, or any municipality, or county of this State may conduct