

The former phrase "as authorized by the Governor under the State plan" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to an organization established by a political subdivision "under § 14-109 of this subtitle".

Defined term: "Political subdivision" § 14-101

(F) MEMA.

"MEMA" MEANS THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added as a shorthand reference to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

(G) POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

"POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 16A, § 3(c).

The phrase "of the State" is added for clarity and to avoid repetition in the revision of the reference to a political subdivision "of the State". Consequently, throughout this subtitle, former references to a political subdivision "of this State" are deleted.

The former specific references to a "town", "village", and "district" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the general references to a "county" and "municipal corporation".

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

14-102. LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

(A) IN GENERAL.

TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE WILL BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES THAT ARE BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY, AND TO PRESERVE THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE, IT IS NECESSARY TO:

- (1) ESTABLISH A MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY;
- (2) AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS;
- (3) CONFER ON THE GOVERNOR AND ON THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OR GOVERNING BODIES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THE EMERGENCY POWERS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- (4) PROVIDE FOR THE RENDERING OF MUTUAL AID AMONG THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND WITH OTHER STATES IN CARRYING OUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS.