

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 293 – Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

This Administration bill establishes a Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact to provide for mutual assistance in managing an emergency among “jurisdictions” entering into the compact.

Senate Bill 239, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 293.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 293

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact; authorizing certain jurisdictions to adopt the Compact for the purpose of providing intrastate mutual aid between jurisdictions in Maryland during an emergency; authorizing member jurisdictions to request assistance under the terms of the Compact; providing for certain limitations, liability, supplementary agreements, and reimbursement under the Compact; providing for the implementation and validity of the Compact; making provisions of the Compact severable; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

BY adding to

Article 16A – Maryland Emergency Management Agency

Section 37 through 39 to be under the new subtitle “Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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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 – Maryland Emergency Management Agency

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

37.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.