

Article 16A - Maryland Emergency Management Agency

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(a) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Management Agency in the Military Department.

(2) (i) The Adjutant General shall, with the approval of the Governor, appoint a Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency who shall be the executive head of the Agency.

(ii) The Director is in the executive service in the State Personnel Management System and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Adjutant General.

(iii) The Director shall receive such salary as is provided in the budget.

(b) (1) Subject to the authority of the Adjutant General, the Director may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel within the appropriations and (except as to the position of Director) subject to the conditions and limitations of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(2) The Director may make expenditures within the appropriations or from other funds made available to the Director for purposes of emergency management, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

(c) The Director is responsible to the Governor and the Adjutant General for carrying out the State emergency management program. On those occasions when the Governor shall have formally declared the threat or existence of a State emergency, the Director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management operations within the State. The Director shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government.

(d) (1) Each county and Baltimore City shall:

(I) **[prepare] PREPARE** an Emergency Preparedness Plan for responding to an emergency that involves hazardous materials or controlled hazardous substances as defined in the Environment Article; AND

(II) **REVIEW ITS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN ANNUALLY AND SUBMIT ANY CHANGES IN THE PLAN TO THE DIRECTOR SO THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY MAINTAIN CURRENT AND ACCURATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLAN.**

(2) Each county and Baltimore City shall submit the Emergency Preparedness Plan required under this section to the **[Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] DIRECTOR** by **[July 1, 1987] OCTOBER 1, 1998.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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