

CHAPTER 735

(House Bill 1473)

AN ACT concerning

Military Department – Classification, Organization, and Authority

FOR the purpose of altering the application of certain provisions specifically applicable to organized militia and the Maryland Defense Force; correcting the wording of the oath of office for commissioned officers of the National Guard; clarifying the status, roles, and missions of the Maryland Defense Force; clarifying that, although the Governor is commander-in-chief of the Maryland Defense Force, the Adjutant General maintains operational control over it and appoints its commander; prohibiting the Maryland Defense Force or a member of the Maryland Defense Force from accepting certain gifts and other things of value under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Military Department.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–702(e)
to be Section 13–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–409 and 13–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–501, 13–502, 13–503, 13–504, 13–506, 13–508, 13–601, 13–602,
13–604, 13–605, 13–607, 13–608, 13–703, 13–704, and 13–708
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–603 and 13–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–705 through 13–708, respectively
to be Section 13–704 through 13–707, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 13–702(e) of Article – Public Safety of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 13–409.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

[13–704.] 13–406.

(a) This section:

(1) applies when the [organized militia] **NATIONAL GUARD** is ordered out for State active duty or training by the Governor or by the Governor's authority; and

(2) does not apply to the [organized militia] **NATIONAL GUARD** when ordered to duty incident to an order into the active military service of the United States.

(b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section:

(1) an officer, warrant officer, and enlisted individual shall receive the same pay, including longevity pay, subsistence, per diem, and allowances, as an officer, warrant officer, and enlisted individual of like grade and length of service in the United States Army or Air Force; and

(2) an individual ordered to active duty other than for training shall be paid a daily rate of at least 12 times the hourly federal minimum wage in effect at the time of active duty.

(c) An enlisted individual who meets the qualifications that the Governor sets in small arms practice or for proficiency in the various duties of the branch or arm to which the individual belongs shall receive the following increase in pay of the individual's grade for 1 year beginning on the first January 1 after qualification:

(1) experts – 20%;

(2) sharpshooters, gunners, drivers, and medical, first class – 15%;

and

(3) marksmen, gunners, drivers, and medical, second class – 10%.

(d) On the recommendation of the Adjutant General, the Governor may reduce the rates of pay, including longevity pay and qualification pay under subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

[13–602.] 13–407.

A commissioned officer of the [organized militia] **NATIONAL GUARD** shall take the following oath of office:

“I,, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maryland, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and of the Governor of the State of Maryland; that I [make] **TAKE** this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of in the National Guard of the United States and of the State of Maryland upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.”

[13–604.] 13–408.

An officer **OF THE NATIONAL GUARD** shall take rank from the date that the officer was commissioned and in the manner the United States Department of Defense provides by regulation.

13–409.

[(1)] **(A)** Any individual who is ordered into active duty for the National Guard in response to the foreign terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, shall receive a service bar in recognition of this service.

[(2)] **(B)** The service bar shall depict the State flag and “9–11”.

13–501.

(a) (1) [The Governor may organize and maintain in the State a Maryland Defense Force] **THERE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE A MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE WITHIN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**

(2) [The Governor may disband or reduce the size of the Maryland Defense Force at any time] **THE GOVERNOR IS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

(3) THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE IS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(4) THERE IS A COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND SERVES AS SUCH AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(b) The Maryland Defense Force is **A COMPONENT OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OF THE STATE** in addition to and separate from the National Guard.

(c) THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL HAVE THE PRIMARY MISSION OF PROVIDING COMPETENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, THE MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL ALSO HAVE OTHER DUTIES AND MISSIONS AS IT MAY BE ASSIGNED FROM TIME TO TIME BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

13-502.

(a) (1) The Governor may adopt regulations to carry out this title governing the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training, and discipline of the Maryland Defense Force.

(2) The Governor may prescribe a uniform for the Maryland Defense Force.

(b) As [the Governor considers] **IS** practicable and desirable, regulations adopted under this section shall conform to [existing] **APPLICABLE** law and regulations that govern the National Guard, **EXCEPT THOSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE NATIONAL GUARD WHEN ACTING SOLELY UNDER TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.**

(c) **(1)** The regulations shall prohibit the Maryland Defense Force or a member of the Maryland Defense Force from accepting gifts, donations, gratuities, or anything of value from a person [in connection with the member's service] in

EXCHANGE FOR SPECIFIC AND ISOLATED SERVICES RENDERED BY the Maryland Defense Force.

(2) THIS PROVISION MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED OTHERWISE TO PROHIBIT GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND THE LIKE FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION TO THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE OR ANY FOUNDATION OR THE LIKE ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES.

13-503.

(a) The Maryland Defense Force consists of:

(1) commissioned or assigned officers; and

(2) [able-bodied citizens of the State] **QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS** who volunteer to serve **AND ARE COMMISSIONED, APPOINTED, OR ENLISTED IN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

(b) An individual may not be commissioned or enlisted in the Maryland Defense Force if the individual:

(1) is not a citizen of the United States; [or]

(2) [has been expelled or dishonorably discharged from a military or naval organization of this State or another state or from the United States armed forces.] **HAS BEEN DISMISSED FROM OR RECEIVED A BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE OR A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, OR ANY DISCHARGE OTHER THAN UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS, FROM A MILITARY OR NAVAL ORGANIZATION OF THIS STATE OR OF ANOTHER STATE, OR FROM ANY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR ITS AUXILIARIES, OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR, NO MATTER WHAT PUNISHMENT WAS ACTUALLY IMPOSED; OR**

(3) DOES NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMISSIONING, APPOINTMENT, OR ENLISTMENT SPECIFIED IN REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.

(c) A civil organization, society, club, post, order, fraternity, association, brotherhood, body, union, league, or other combination of persons or civil groups may not enlist in the Maryland Defense Force as an organization or unit.

(D) (1) ALL MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SERVE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND WITHOUT PAY, UNLESS UNDER ORDERS, APPROVED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, SPECIFYING THAT THEIR SERVICE IS WITH PAY.

(2) IF AN ORDER APPROVED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SPECIFIES THAT THE SERVICE OF A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE IS WITH PAY, THE MEMBER MAY BE COMPENSATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13-406 OF THIS TITLE.

13-504.

(a) [A member of the Maryland Defense Force who is ordered to active duty by the Governor or by the Governor's authority is entitled to the compensation specified for officers and enlisted individuals as provided under § 13-704 of this title.] **AN OFFICER OR WARRANT OFFICER COMMISSIONED OR APPOINTED IN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL TAKE THE OATH PRESCRIBED IN § 13-509 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

(b) [An officer commissioned in the Maryland Defense Force shall take an oath substantially in the form required for officers of the organized militia, substituting "Maryland Defense Force" where necessary in the oath.] **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENLISTS IN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL TAKE AN OATH SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM REQUIRED FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, SUBSTITUTING "MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE" WHERE NECESSARY IN THE OATH.**

(c) [An individual who enlists in the Maryland Defense Force shall take an oath substantially in the form required for enlisted personnel of the organized militia, substituting "Maryland Defense Force" where necessary in the oath.]

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ENLISTMENT PERIOD IN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE IS 2 YEARS AND MAY BE RENEWED.

(2) IN THE CASE THAT A STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER NATION, OR THAT THERE IS A FEDERAL OR STATE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PRESENTLY IN FORCE IN THE STATE, ALL ENLISTMENTS SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL 3 MONTHS AFTER SAID STATE OF WAR OR EMERGENCY ENDS, UNLESS THE ENLISTED INDIVIDUAL IS DISCHARGED SOONER BY PROPER AUTHORITY.

[(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the enlistment period in the Maryland Defense Force is 2 years and may be renewed.

(2) If the National Guard is called into active federal service, all enlistments shall continue until 6 months after the National Guard has been released from active federal service unless the enlisted individual is discharged sooner by the proper authority.]

[(e)] (D) The Governor may accept the resignation of an officer or grant a discharge to an enlisted individual at any time.

13-506.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Maryland Defense Force may not be required to serve outside the State.

(2) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE AS PART OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OF THE STATE IS ORDERED INTO SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

(b) (1) On request of the governor of another state, the Governor of this State may order the Maryland Defense Force to serve outside the State to assist the military or [law enforcement forces of the other state that are actually defending that state] **OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES OF THE REQUESTING STATE.**

(2) The Governor of this State may recall the Maryland Defense Force from the other state.

(c) If fresh pursuit is authorized by law of another state, any organization, unit, or detachment of the Maryland Defense Force, on the order of the commanding officer of the organization, unit, or detachment, may continue in fresh pursuit of insurrectionists, saboteurs, or enemies outside of this State into the other state until:

(1) the insurrectionists, saboteurs, or enemies are apprehended; or

(2) the military or law enforcement forces of the other state or forces of the United States have had a reasonable opportunity to pursue or apprehend the insurrectionists, saboteurs, or enemies.

(d) (1) An organization, unit, or detachment of the Maryland Defense Force shall surrender without unnecessary delay an individual apprehended in another state to the military or law enforcement force of:

(i) the state of apprehension; or

(ii) the United States.

(2) The surrender of an individual apprehended under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the military or law enforcement forces of another state is not a waiver by this State of the right to extradite or prosecute the individual for a crime committed in this State.

13-508.

(a) (1) This title does not authorize the Maryland Defense Force to be ordered or drafted into the military service of the United States, **EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ACTING PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

(2) **THIS PROVISION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT SERVICE OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE OR PERSONNEL THEREOF IN MISSIONS IN WHICH FEDERAL MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE ALSO SERVING OR IN COMMAND.**

(b) An individual is not exempt from military service under the laws of the United States because the individual is enlisted [or], commissioned, **OR APPOINTED** in the Maryland Defense Force.

13-509.

A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL TAKE THE FOLLOWING OATH OF OFFICE:

“I,, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME; THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND; THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION, AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF IN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER, SO HELP ME GOD.”

[13-601.] 13-510.

(a) (1) The Governor shall appoint and commission each **COMMISSIONED** officer **OR APPOINT EACH WARRANT OFFICER** of the organized militia on recommendation [by:

(1) the brigade commander if a commanding officer of a unit of a brigade; or

(2) the commanding officer of the respective unit or chief of the respective staff corps or department if any other officer] **OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.**

(2) THE APPOINTMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT REQUIRE CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND.

(b) (1) Each individual **COMMISSIONED OR** appointed as an officer **OR WARRANT OFFICER** shall be:

(i) an officer, **WARRANT OFFICER**, or enlisted individual of the National Guard;

(ii) a retired[, reserve,] or former officer **OR WARRANT OFFICER** of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard **OR ANY AUXILIARY THEREOF;**

(iii) [an enlisted individual from] **AN INDIVIDUAL WITH PRIOR ENLISTED SERVICE IN** the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard [or a formerly enlisted individual who received an honorable discharge], **OR ANY AUXILIARY THEREOF;**

(iv) a graduate of the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, **COAST GUARD ACADEMY, MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY,** or Air Force Academy;

(v) a graduate of a school, college, university, or officers' training school who received military instruction under the supervision of an officer of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard who certified the graduate's fitness for appointment as a commissioned officer; or

(vi) [a civilian] **AN INDIVIDUAL NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH** who is specially qualified for [duty in the technical branches or staff corps and departments] **SERVICE BY ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR PUBLIC SERVICE CAPACITY OR OTHERWISE DISPLAYS EXTRAORDINARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMISSIONING AS AN OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

(2) Before taking office, each [individual appointed as an officer shall take the oath as required by § 13-602 of this subtitle] **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD SHALL TAKE THE OATH PRESCRIBED IN § 13-407 OF THIS TITLE AND**

EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SHALL TAKE THE OATH PRESCRIBED IN § 13-509 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(c) When **INITIALLY** appointed, a general officer or colonel **OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA** must:

(1) be an officer in the National Guard of a grade of [field officer] **O-4 OR HIGHER**; or

(2) have [been] **SERVED** in [active service in] **ANY COMPONENT OR AUXILIARY OF** the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard or National Guard with [a] **THE grade OF O-4 OR higher** [than captain].

(d) When **INITIALLY** appointed, a lieutenant-colonel or major of the line must have had [active] service as an officer for at least 2 years in **ANY COMPONENT OR AUXILIARY OF** the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard or National Guard.

(E) SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY IN THE CASE OF:

(1) **OFFICERS PROMOTED TO THE GRADE OF MAJOR OR ABOVE FROM WITHIN THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE; OR**

(2) **OFFICERS QUALIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(VI) OF THIS SECTION.**

[13-605.] **13-601.**

(a) (1) On the recommendation of the Adjutant General, the Governor may grant to an officer of the organized militia a brevet commission of the next higher grade than the regular commission held by the officer.

(2) The Governor may grant a brevet commission to an officer of the organized militia of a grade equal to the highest grade in which the officer previously served in the organized militia or in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard.

(b) A brevet commission carries only the rights or privileges that are allowed in like cases in the military service of the United States.

[13-607.] **13-602.**

A commission of an officer **OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA** may be vacated:

- (1) on resignation;
- (2) through absence without leave for 3 months;
- (3) on recommendation of an efficiency board; [or]
- (4) under a sentence of a court-martial; **OR**

(5) ON CONVICTION OF A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY INCARCERATION FOR 1 YEAR OR MORE IN ANY STATE OR FEDERAL COURT.

[13-603.

(a) Each individual appointed as an officer shall pass the tests that the Governor requires on physical, moral, and professional fitness.

(b) The Governor shall appoint a board of three commissioned officers from the United States Army or Air Force or the National Guard to conduct the examination required by subsection (a) of this section.]

[13-608.] **13-603.**

(a) A commissioned officer **OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA** tendering a resignation shall receive an honorable discharge if:

- (1) the Governor accepts the resignation;
- (2) the officer is not under arrest or returned to a military court for a deficiency or delinquency;
- (3) the officer is not indebted to the State; and
- (4) the accounts of the officer for money or public property are correct.

(b) (1) If the Governor accepts the resignation of an officer who, at the time of the resignation, is under arrest, under charges, or returned to a military court for an offense, deficiency, or delinquency, the officer shall:

- (i) cease to be an officer; and
- (ii) receive a discharge in a form that the Governor directs.

(2) An officer who resigns under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not eligible to receive a commission unless the officer:

- (i) reenlists; and
- (ii) performs at least 100% of duty in each year of the reenlistment for 2 successive years.

[13-606.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title or by regulations of the United States Department of Defense, a commissioned officer may not be removed from office unless the officer consents to the removal.

(b) A commissioned officer shall be discharged if:

(1) an efficiency board of three commissioned officers, senior in rank to the officer whose fitness for service is under investigation, appointed to determine the moral character, capacity, or general fitness for service of the commissioned officer makes an unfavorable finding; and

(2) the official authorized to appoint the efficiency board approves of the findings of the efficiency board.]

13-702.

(a) This section applies to the Maryland Defense Force [when the Maryland Defense Force exists under law] **AND THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

(b) The Governor may order the militia into State active duty:

(1) in times of or on reasonable apprehension of imminent public crisis, disaster, rioting, catastrophe, insurrection, invasion, tumult, or breach of peace;

(2) when martial law is declared;

(3) to enforce the laws; or

(4) to carry on any function of the militia of the State.

(c) (1) To enforce the laws, a member of the militia in State active duty has all the authority of a peace or law enforcement officer.

(2) The authority of the member extends throughout the State during the State active duty.

(d) Whenever the militia is in State active duty, the ranking officer of the militia ordered into State active duty or that officer's subordinates on State active duty shall:

- (1) cooperate with local law enforcement authorities; or
- (2) if the exigencies of the case require and subject only to order from the Governor:
 - (i) direct and control local law enforcement authorities and the Department of State Police; and
 - (ii) assume all the powers vested in these subordinated law enforcement authorities.

13-703.

(a) An officer, **WARRANT OFFICER**, or noncommissioned officer may warn officers and enlisted individuals for duty by:

- (1) stating the substance of the order or reading the order to the individual warned;
- (2) leaving a copy of the order at the last known place of residence or business of the individual; [or]
- (3) mailing a copy of the order to the last known residence or business address of the individual; **OR**

(4) SENDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ORDER VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING TELEPHONE, CELLULAR PHONE, FACSIMILE, OR ELECTRONIC MAIL.

(b) (1) If required by the officer issuing the order, the officer or noncommissioned officer giving warning shall make a return of warning containing the name of the individual warned and the time, place, and manner of warning.

- (2) A return of warning:
 - (i) may be verified by the officer or noncommissioned officer's oath, which may be administered by an officer; and
 - (ii) if verified, at the trial of an individual returned as a delinquent is evidence of the facts stated in the return and is to be considered as if the officer or noncommissioned officer had testified to those facts before a court-martial at trial.

13-708.

(a) A member of the organized militia ordered into State active duty by proper authority is not liable civilly or criminally for [an] ANY act done while discharging a duty.

(b) (1) The court shall require a person to file security for the payment of costs that may be awarded to the defendant when the person prosecutes or begins a suit or proceeding:

(i) against an officer of the organized militia for an act done by the officer in the officer's official capacity in the discharge of a duty under this title;

(ii) against a person acting under the authority or order of an officer of the organized militia; or

(iii) by virtue of a warrant that an officer of the militia lawfully issues.

(2) In all cases, the defendant may make a general denial and give evidence.

(3) If the case is dismissed or a verdict or judgment is rendered against the plaintiff, the defendant shall recover treble costs.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 13-705 through 13-708, respectively, of Article - Public Safety of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 13-704 through 13-707, respectively.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.