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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Military)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – State Militia**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that service in the Maryland Defense Force is at will and
4 voluntary; altering the classes of State militia; repealing the requirement that a
5 certain individual take a certain oath; repealing certain authorization and
6 requirements relating to organizational commanders; repealing a certain
7 requirement relating to inspections of a unit of the organized militia; altering the
8 composition of a certain retired list; amending the authority by which the National
9 Guard is organized; specifying who is authorized to administer certain oaths;
10 repealing certain provisions relating to appointment and commission of certain
11 officers; altering the oath of service for an individual who serves in the Maryland
12 Defense Force; prohibiting the Maryland Defense Force or its members from
13 accepting certain items in exchange for a service rendered; altering certain
14 definitions; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the State militia.

15 BY repealing

16 Article – Public Safety

17 Section 13–206, 13–509, and 13–510; and 13–601 through 13–603 and the subtitle

18 “Subtitle 6. Officers”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Public Safety

23 Section 13–101, 13–203, 13–204, 13–207, 13–210 through 13–213, 13–401, 13–407,
24 13–408, 13–501 through 13–504, 13–506, 13–706, and 13–902

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 13–206, 13–509, and 13–510; and 13–601 through 13–603 and the subtitle “Subtitle 6. Officers” of Article – Public Safety of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

Article – Public Safety

13–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Department” means the Military Department.

(c) “Maryland Defense Force” means the [military force] **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION** established under Subtitle 5 of this title.

(d) “National Guard” means the Maryland Army National Guard and Maryland Air National Guard.

(e) (1) “State active duty” means military duty performed in service of the State by a unit or member of the militia under orders issued by the Governor under Article II, § 8 of the Maryland Constitution or § 13–702 of this title.

(2) Unless the Governor specifically provides otherwise, “State active duty” does not include drill periods, preparation for drill periods, annual training, or other equivalent training or duty conducted under **THIS TITLE OR** orders issued under Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code.

13–203.

(a) There are [two] **THREE** classes of State militia:

(1) the organized militia; [and]

(2) **THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE; AND**

(3) the unorganized militia.

(b) The organized militia of the State consists of:

(1) the National Guard; **AND**

(2) the Inactive National Guard[; and

(3) the Maryland Defense Force].

(c) The unorganized militia consists of those individuals described under § 13–202 of this subtitle but who are not regularly enlisted or commissioned in the organized militia **OR WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

13–204.

(a) The general appropriations for the militia shall be exclusively applied to the necessary and contingent expenses of the office of the Adjutant General and to the equipment, maintenance, and general efficiency of the [organized] **STATE** militia.

(b) (1) Except as provided in this title, unless authorized by the Adjutant General, a person may not make a purchase, incur a debt or expense, or expend money for the militia.

(2) (i) The Adjutant General shall adopt rules for the receipt and expenditure of all money that comes under the control of the Adjutant General.

(ii) The Adjutant General may require bond from persons involved in the receipt and expenditure of money that the Adjutant General designates.

(c) (1) The commanding officer of an organization or detachment of the [organized] **STATE** militia that is on State active duty may purchase necessities that are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of the officer's command.

(2) If a commanding officer on State active duty makes a purchase under this subsection, the commanding officer shall:

(i) take a receipt of the purchase in triplicate; and

(ii) promptly submit a report of the purchase through regular channels to the Department's Finance Officer.

(3) The report shall contain:

(i) a list of the articles purchased;

(ii) the price of the articles; and

(iii) the receipts.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Adjutant General shall audit and pay all bills and military accounts payable by the State.

(2) The Adjutant General shall follow as nearly as possible the financial operating procedures established by the United States Department of Defense.

(3) The Comptroller shall be the auditor of all accounts for property purchased by the Adjutant General.

(4) The Treasurer shall pay an audited military account from an appropriation made by the General Assembly, on the warrant of the Adjutant General, under the direction of the Governor.

13–207.

(a) [An organization commander:

(1) may require those under the command of the organization commander to perform any military duty; and

(2) is responsible to the Governor for the general efficiency of the units of the organized militia under the command of the organization commander.

(b)] A commanding officer of a unit is responsible to the officer's immediate commander for the equipment, drill, instruction, movements, and efficiency of those under the officer's command.

[(c)] (B) Each officer or enlisted individual is responsible to the individual's immediate commanding officer for prompt and unhesitating obedience, proper drill, and the preservation and proper use of the property of the organization, the State, or the United States that is in the individual's possession.

[(d) A unit of the organized militia shall be inspected:

(1) by an officer detailed for inspection duty, whenever the Governor considers it advisable; and

(2) by an officer of the United States Army or Air Force, as provided by federal law or regulation.]

13–210.

(a) (1) This subsection applies to the period of time that an employee is ordered by the Governor to active military duty in the organized militia **OR THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE** of the State for service during:

(i) a civil disorder;

(ii) a natural disaster;

(iii) a labor disorder; or

(iv) any other activity requiring support of the State militia.

(2) The Adjutant General shall secure compensation under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act for each officer and enlisted individual of the organized militia **OR THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE** by maintaining an insurance policy with the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company or with a stock corporation or mutual association authorized to transact the business of workers' compensation insurance in the State.

(3) (i) An officer, enlisted individual, or employee of the Department is not entitled to the benefits of this section if the officer, enlisted individual, or employee is injured in the course of employment and has insurance coverage through the federal government that is equal to or better than the coverage provided by this title.

(ii) If a benefit provided by the federal government is less than that provided by the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act, the State and its insurer shall furnish the additional benefit necessary to make up the difference between the benefit provided by the federal government and the similar benefit required under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act.

(4) The insurance provided under this subsection shall only cover incidents that occur after July 1, 1979.

(b) In addition to the benefits under subsection (a) of this section, the Adjutant General shall maintain workers' compensation insurance for members of the Maryland Defense Force during training.

(c) The Adjutant General shall pay the premiums for the insurance policy required under this section from appropriations for the militia that the Governor includes in the State budget.

13-211.

(a) (1) To promote efficiency and reward continuous service, the Governor may issue service medals of appropriate designs to officers and enlisted individuals in the [organized] **STATE** militia who have completed 5 years or more of continuous service.

(2) The Governor shall adopt regulations to carry out this subsection.

(b) (1) The State may issue appropriate ribbon badges to represent any issued or authorized medal.

(2) [An officer or enlisted individual in the organized] **A MEMBER OF THE STATE** militia may wear a ribbon badge issued under this subsection as part of the uniform.

1 13-212.

2 A member of the organized militia **OR MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE**, including the
3 member's conveyance and military property, shall be allowed free passage through any toll
4 gate and over any toll road, bridge, or ferry if the member:

5 (1) is traveling to or returning from a parade, encampment, drill, or other
6 duty that the member may be required by law to attend; and

7 (2) presents an order for duty or identification card.

8 13-213.

9 (a) The Governor may adopt regulations that provide for the retirement of officers
10 and enlisted individuals.

11 (b) The Governor may order a retired officer or enlisted individual to active duty.

12 (c) (1) There is a retired list exclusively restricted to retired officers and
13 enlisted individuals of the organized militia.

14 (2) The retired list shall be divided into **[three] TWO** groups of retired
15 individuals:

16 (i) the National Guard;

17 **[(ii) the Maryland Defense Force;]** and

18 **[(iii)] (II)** the Inactive National Guard.

19 13-401.

20 (a) (1) The National Guard consists of:

21 (i) the units of the organized militia allocated to the State by the
22 United States Department of Defense that are supported wholly or partly by federal funds;
23 and

24 (ii) individuals transferred with the approval of the Governor to the
25 National Guard by federal authorities to complete a reserve service obligation imposed by
26 federal law.

27 (2) The inactive National Guard consists of officers and enlisted
28 individuals commissioned in, enlisted in, or transferred to the inactive National Guard.

(3) An individual transferred to the National Guard is considered a member of the National Guard whether or not the individual executed the oath prescribed by [§ 13-206] **§ 13-407** of this [title] **SUBTITLE**.

(b) The National Guard and its units shall be organized as prescribed [for the United States Army or United States Air Force, subject in time of peace to general exceptions that the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force authorize] **BY COMPETENT FEDERAL AUTHORITY**.

(c) If the National Guard or any of its units are ordered into active military service of the United States by the President of the United States, the Governor may increase the military force and organize those units as the emergency requires.

13-407.

(A) A commissioned officer of the 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 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."

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL ENLISTING IN THE NATIONAL GUARD SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING OATH OF ENLISTMENT:

"I DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE TO HAVE VOLUNTARILY ENLISTED THIS DAY OF, 20, IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR THE PERIOD OF YEAR(S), UNDER THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, UNLESS SOONER DISCHARGED BY PROPER AUTHORITY. I,, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND; THAT I WILL SERVE THEM HONESTLY AND FAITHFULLY AGAINST ALL THEIR ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER; AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND AND THE ORDERS OF THE OFFICERS APPOINTED OVER ME, ACCORDING TO LAW AND REGULATIONS."

(C) ANY OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA MAY ADMINISTER AN OATH PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

13-408.

(A) (1) ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AND COMMISSION EACH COMMISSIONED OFFICER OR APPOINT EACH WARRANT OFFICER IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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

(3) EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONED OR APPOINTED AS AN OFFICER OR WARRANT OFFICER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION IN THE RANK APPOINTED.

(4) 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.

(B) (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.

(3) A BREVET COMMISSION CARRIES ONLY THE RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES THAT ARE ALLOWED IN LIKE CASES IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

(C) A COMMISSION OF AN OFFICER IN THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY BE VACATED OR REVOKED:

(1) ON RESIGNATION;

(2) THROUGH ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE FOR 3 MONTHS;

(3) ON RECOMMENDATION OF A BOARD OF OFFICERS;

(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.

(D) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, 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.

(E) (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, A DEFICIENCY, OR A 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.

13-501.

(a) (1) There is established in the State a Maryland Defense Force within the Military Department.

(2) The Governor is the commander-in-chief of the Maryland Defense Force.

(3) The Maryland Defense Force is under the [operational control] COMMAND 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] **THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**.

13-502.

(a) (1) The [Governor] **ADJUTANT GENERAL** 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] **ADJUTANT GENERAL** may prescribe a uniform for the Maryland Defense Force.

(b) As is practicable and desirable, regulations adopted under this section shall conform to 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 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)] 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] **SERVE** in the Maryland Defense Force if the individual:

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

(2) 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] **SERVICE** 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] **SERVE** 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) [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)] **(1)** An individual who [enlists] **SERVES** 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] **AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING OATH OF SERVICE:**

“I DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE MY VOLUNTARY SERVICE THIS DAY OF, 20, TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND, UNDER THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, UNLESS SOONER DISCHARGED BY PROPER AUTHORITY. I,, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND; THAT I WILL SERVE THEM HONESTLY AND FAITHFULLY AGAINST ALL THEIR ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER; AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

1 **UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND AND THE ORDERS OF THE**
2 **OFFICERS APPOINTED OVER ME, ACCORDING TO LAW AND REGULATIONS.”**

3 **(2) THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE**
4 **FORCE OR THE COMMANDING GENERAL’S DESIGNEE MAY ADMINISTER AN OATH**
5 **PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.**

6 **[(c)] (B)** [(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
7 enlistment] **THE SERVICE** period in the Maryland Defense Force is determined by the
8 commanding officer based on the specialty of the recruit and the needs of the militia and
9 may be renewed.

10 **[(2)** In the case that a state of war exists between the United States and any
11 other nation, or that there is a federal or State declaration of emergency presently in force
12 in the State, all enlistments shall continue until 3 months after said state of war or
13 emergency ends, unless the enlisted individual is discharged sooner by proper authority.]

14 **[(d)] (C) (1) ALL MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE SERVE**
15 **AT WILL AND MAY BE DISMISSED WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE AT ANY TIME.**

16 **(2)** The Governor **OR COMMANDING GENERAL** may accept the
17 resignation of an officer or grant a discharge to an enlisted individual at any time.

18 **(3) ON A REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT, A MEMBER IS**
19 **RELEASED FROM HIS OR HER VOLUNTARY SERVICE.**

20 **(D) (1) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROHIBIT THE MARYLAND DEFENSE**
21 **FORCE OR A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE FROM ACCEPTING**
22 **GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRATUITIES, OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A PERSON IN**
23 **EXCHANGE FOR A SERVICE RENDERED BY THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

24 **(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT GIFTS, DONATIONS,**
25 **BEQUESTS, OR TRANSFERS FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION TO THE**
26 **MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE OR ANY FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THE**
27 **ACTIVITIES OF THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE.**

28 13-506.

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

31 **[(2)** This section does not apply to any instance in which the Maryland
32 Defense Force as part of the organized militia of the State is ordered into service of the
33 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 **DIRECT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO** order the Maryland Defense Force to serve outside the State, **WITHIN SIMILAR PARAMETERS AS IT WOULD RENDER SUPPORT WITHIN THE STATE**, to assist the military or 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.]

13-706.

(a) An officer or employee of the State, a county, or other political subdivision of the State who is a member of the organized militia is entitled to a leave of absence from duties, without loss of pay, time, or efficiency rating:

(1) on each day engaged in [field or coast defense or other] training **OR DUTY** ordered or authorized under this title; or

(2) under any law of the United States while on inactive duty training, not to exceed 15 days annually.

(b) In addition to the 15-day period specified in subsection (a) of this section, a member of the organized militia who is ordered to State active duty under authority of the Governor is entitled to leave of absence without loss of pay, time, or efficiency rating while actually serving under the State active duty orders.

13-902.

(a) This section does not apply to a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, the organized militia of this State or another state, [an officer] **A MEMBER** of the Maryland Defense Force, or a member of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

(b) A person may not:

(1) hide, sell, dispose of, offer for sale, purchase, retain after a demand by a commissioned officer of the organized militia, or pledge any arms, uniforms, equipment, or other military property issued under this title; or

(2) wear any of the following articles or objects prescribed by law for the use of the organized militia:

(i) a uniform;

(ii) a device, strap, knot, or insignia of any design or character that is used as a designation of grade, rank, or office; or

(iii) an article or object similar to an article or object described in item (i) or (ii) of this item.

(c) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not less than \$20 and not exceeding \$50 for each offense.

(2) (i) A fine imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid to the Adjutant General.

(ii) The Adjutant General shall apply a fine paid under this paragraph to the use of the organized militia.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.