

CHAPTER 42

(Senate Bill 89)

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 75C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Prohibited Actions," said new Section to be known as Section 6A and to follow immediately after Section 6 of this Article, prohibiting actions against any person who voluntarily and without compensation permits the Civil Defense authorities to use real estate or premises for sheltering persons.

WHEREAS, by Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1952 the General Assembly of Maryland made the State Civil Defense Agency a separate and independent agency of the State and designated the Director of Civil Defense as the Administrator of said Act, and further authorized and directed political subdivisions of this State to establish certain local organizations for Civil Defense; and

WHEREAS, many persons owning or controlling real estate or other premises will voluntarily and without compensation permit the use of such premises as shelter but who will be reluctant to do so unless immune from suit or claim arising therefrom; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be and it is hereby added to Article 75C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Prohibited Actions," said new Section to be known as Section 6A, to follow immediately after Section 6 of said Article, and to read as follows:

6A. (*Freedom from suit bestowed on owners or occupants of property in certain cases.*) *No action shall be brought or maintained against any person, firm, or corporation owning, controlling or occupying any real estate or other premises who shall permit said premises to be used without charge or compensation for sheltering persons during an attack or raid by an enemy or during a practice attack or raid, to recover damages for personal injuries to or the death of any person while on said premises during an actual or practice attack or raid or for the loss or destruction of personal property taken upon said premises*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.