

AN ACT  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE  
OF THE  
MILITIA.

1864, Chap. 284.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor, as commander-in-chief, is hereby authorized to enroll and organize the militia of this State into companies, regiments, and brigades, and by general and special orders to make such rules and regulations for their control, discipline, armament and equipment, as may be constitutional and necessary, which rules and regulations shall, as far as practicable, conform to the laws and regulations governing the organization of the United States volunteer forces, their discipline, equipment, armament and officers; and which rules and regulations shall have the force of law; and Article sixty-three, Code of Public General Laws, and sections six hundred and fifty-two to seven hundred and seventy inclusive, Article four, Code of Public Local Laws, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all able bodied white male citizens of this State between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, and not exempt by the laws of the United States, (excepting however all persons in the army or navy of the United States,) shall be subject to military duty.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the rolls of the militia prepared by commissioners appointed by the Governor in the several counties and Baltimore city, under the order of the War Department for the draft of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be taken and considered to be the rolls of the militia of the State under this act until a new enrollment shall be ordered by the Governor, but the Governor may prescribe any rules in his judgment necessary to exclude disloyal persons from bearing arms.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the staff of the militia of this State shall consist of one adjutant general with the rank of brigadier general, who, until otherwise ordered by the