SENATE . . . . No. 762

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# The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

An Act authorizing and requesting the governor to execute an interstate compact for military aid in an emergency.

1 Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend

2 to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for 3 mutual military aid between the commonwealth and the

4 states of New York and Connecticut in certain cases of

5 emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emer-

6 gency law necessary for the immediate preservation of the

7 public convenience and safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 For the purpose of providing for mutual military aid, and

2 matters incidental thereto, in the event of an emergency

3 caused or brought about by invasion or other hostile action,

4 disaster, insurrection or imminent danger thereof, the gov-

5 ernor is hereby authorized and requested to execute, on be-

6 half of the commonwealth, with the states of New York and

7 Connecticut an agreement making the commonwealth a

8 party to the pertinent compact for said purpose as consented

9 to and authorized by the Act of July 1, 1952, Public Law 435

10 of the 82nd Congress (66 Stat. 315), as amended by the Act

11 of June 4, 1956, Public Law 564 of the 84th Congress.

12 The compact referred to in the preceding paragraph reads

13 as follows: -

14 An Interstate Compact for Mutual Military Aid in an Emergency.

16 ARTICLE I.

17 1. The purposes of this compact are:

- 18 (a) To provide for mutual military aid and assistance in 19 an emergency by the military forces of a signatory state to 20 the military forces of the other signatory states or of the 21 United States, including among other military missions, the 22 protection of interstate bridges, tunnels, ferries, pipe lines, 23 communications facilities and other vital installations, plants 24 and facilities; and the military support of civil defense 25 agencies;
- 26 (b) To provide for the fresh pursuit in case of an emer-27 gency, by the military forces or any part or member thereof 28 of a signatory state into another state, of insurrectionists, 29 saboteurs, enemies or enemy forces or persons seeking or ap-30 pearing to seek to overthrow the government of the United 31 States or of a signatory state;
- 32 (c) To make provision for the powers, duties, rights, 33 privileges and immunities of the members of the military 34 forces of a signatory state while so engaged outside of their 35 own state.
- 36 2. (a) "Emergency" as used in this compact shall mean 37 and include invasion or other hostile action, disaster, insur-38 rection or imminent danger thereof.
- 39 (b) "State" as used in this compact shall include any sig-40 natory state.
- 41 (c) "Military forces" as used in this compact shall in-42 clude the organized militia, or any force thereof, of a signa-43 tory state.

## 44 ARTICLE II.

This compact shall become effective as to the signatory 46 states when the legislatures thereof have approved it and 47 when the Congress has given its consent either before or 48 after the date hereof. Any state not a party to this compact 49 at the date hereof may become a party thereto.

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50 ARTICLE III.

51 The governor of each signatory state or his designated 52 military representative shall constitute the Committee for 53 Mutual Military Aid for the signatory states. It shall be 54 the duty of the Committee for Mutual Military Aid to 55 make joint plans for the employment of the military forces 56 of the signatory states for mutual military aid and assistance 57 in case of emergency.

58 ARTICLE IV.

1. It shall be the duty of each signatory state to integrate 60 its plan for the employment of its military forces in case of 61 emergency with the joint plans recommended by the Com-62 mittee for Mutual Military Aid and with the emergency

63 plans of the armed forces of the United States.

2. In case of emergency, upon the request of the Governor of a signatory state, the Governor of each signatory state, to the extent consistent with the needs of his own state, shall order its military forces or such part thereof as he, in his discretion, may find necessary, to assist the military forces of the requesting state in order to carry out the purposes set forth in this compact. In such case, it shall be the duty of the governor of each signatory state receiving such a request to issue the necessary orders for such use of the military forces of his state without the borders of his state and to direct the commander of such forces to place them under the operational control of the commander of the forces of the requesting state or of the United States which may be regaged in meeting the emergency.

78 3. The governor of any signatory state, in his discretion, 79 may recall the military forces of his state serving without its

80 borders or any part or any member of such forces.

ARTICLE V.

In case of an emergency, any unit or member of the mili-83 tary forces of a signatory state which has been ordered into 84 active service by the Governor may upon order of the 85 officer in immediate command thereof continue beyond the 86 borders of his own state into another signatory state in fresh 87 pursuit of insurrectionists, saboteurs, enemies or enemy forces 88 or persons seeking or appearing to seek to overthrow the 89 government of the United States or of any one of the sig-90 natory states, until they are apprehended by such unit or 91 member. Any such person who shall be apprehended or 92 captured in a signatory state by a unit or member of the 93 military forces of another signatory state shall without 94 unnecessary delay be surrendered to the military or police 95 forces of the state in which he is taken or to the forces of the 96 United States. Such surrender shall not constitute a waiver 97 by the state of the military forces making the capture, of its 98 right to extradite or prosecute such persons for any crime 99 committed in that state.

### 100 ARTICLE VI.

101 1. Whenever the military forces or any part thereof of any 102 signatory state are engaged outside of their own state in carry-103 ing out the purposes of this compact, the individual members 104 of such military forces so engaged shall not be liable, civilly 105 or criminally, for any act or acts done by them in the per-106 formance of their duty.

107 2. The individual members of such forces shall have the 108 same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as the 109 members of the military forces of the state in which they are

110 engaged, but in any event,

3. Each signatory state shall save harmless any member 112 of its military forces wherever serving and any member of 113 the military forces of any other signatory state serving 114 within its borders for any act or acts done by them in the 115 performance of their duty while engaged in carrying out the 116 purposes of this compact.

## 117 ARTICLE VII.

1. Each signatory state shall provide, in the same amounts
119 and manner as if they were on duty within their own state,
120 for the pay and allowances of the personnel of its military
121 forces, and for the medical and hospital expenses, disability
122 and death benefits, pensions and funeral expenses of wounded.

123 injured or sick personnel and of dependents or representatives 124 of deceased personnel of its military forces, in case such per125 sonnel shall suffer wounds, injuries, disease, disability or 126 death while engaged without the state pursuant to this com127 pact and while going to and returning from such other 128 signatory state. Each signatory state shall provide in the 129 same amounts and manner as if they were on duty within 130 their own state for the logistical support and for other costs 131 and expenses of its military forces while engaged without the 132 state pursuant to this compact and while going to and re133 turning from such other signatory state.

2. Any signatory state rendering outside aid in case of insurrection or disaster not the result of invasion or hostile action, shall, if it so elects, be reimbursed by the signatory state receiving such aid for the pay and allowances of its personnel, logistical support and all other costs and expenses referred to in section 1 of this Article and incurred in connection with the request for aid. Such election shall be exercised by the Governor of the aiding state presenting a statement and request for reimbursement of such costs and expenses to the Governor of the requesting state.

## 144 ARTICLE VIII.

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or re-146 strict the power of any signatory state in case of an emergency 147 affecting that state only, to provide for the internal defense of 148 any part of the territory of said state or for the protection and 149 control of any bridge, tunnel, ferry, installation, plant or fa-150 cility or any part thereof within the borders of such state or 151 to prohibit the enforcement of any laws, rules and regula-152 tions or the execution of any plan with regard thereto.

## 153 ARTICLE IX.

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding 155 on each signatory state until the legislature or the Governor 156 of such state gives notice of withdrawal therefrom. Such 157 notice of withdrawal shall not be effective until six months 158 after said notice has been given to the Governor of each of 159 the other signatory states.



