WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §15-1D-14

§15-1D-14. When martial law may be declared.

In the event of invasion, insurrection, rebellion or riot, flood or other public disaster or emergency, the Governor, in his discretion, may by proclamation containing such powers as would meet the exigencies of the situation, declare a state of martial law or rule in the towns, cities, districts or counties where such disturbances or emergencies exist.

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