

Section 201 through 214 to be under the new subtitle  
 "Collective Bargaining and Interest Arbitration for  
 Fire-Fighters and Emergency-Rescue-Employees"  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1979 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision  
Article II - General Powers  
Section (55)  
(1981 Replacement Volume, as amended)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The public policy of this State is to encourage voluntary collective bargaining between private employers and their employees over the terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, ~~Certain county governments of this State recognize~~  
The Baltimore City government recognizes collective bargaining as a desirable method of setting the terms and conditions of employment for county city employees; and

WHEREAS, Collective bargaining is most desirable when all parties concerned act in good faith; and

WHEREAS, In public employment, strikes, work stoppages, and similar disruptions of the bargaining process may be harmful both to the parties involved and to the general public; and

WHEREAS, Particularly with fire and--emergency--rescue services, work stoppages may affect the general public; and

WHEREAS, In order to avoid work stoppages due to labor disputes--between--public--employers--and--fire--fighters--and--emergency--rescue--employees--the--citizens--of--certain--counties--in--this--State--have--chosen--binding--arbitration--as--a--method--of--resolving--impasses--in--collective--bargaining--now--therefore,

SECTION--1--BE--IT--ENACTED--BY--THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF--MARYLAND--That--the--laws--of--Maryland--read--as--follows--

Article 100--Work, Labor and Employment

COLLECTIVE-BARGAINING-AND-INTEREST-ARBITRATION-FOR  
 -FIRE-FIGHTERS-AND-EMERGENCY-RESCUE-EMPLOYEES

201-

(A)--IT--IS--THE--POLICY--OF--THIS--STATE--TO--AUTHORIZE--BINDING--INTEREST--ARBITRATION--AND--TO--REGULATE--THE--COLLECTIVE--BARGAINING--PROCESS--IN--CERTAIN--POLITICAL--SUBDIVISIONS--OF--THE--STATE--WHERE