

## CHAPTER 730

(House Bill 1074)

AN ACT concerning

## 911 Emergency Telephone System

FOR the purpose of establishing the digits 911 as the primary emergency telephone number in the State of Maryland; establishing the Emergency Number Systems Board; providing for its functions and responsibilities; creating the 911 System Trust Fund; and providing funding for the subtitle.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and  
Administrative Departments  
Section ~~234FF~~ 204H-1 through ~~234LL~~ 204H-7, inclusive,  
to be under the new subtitle "911 Emergency  
Telephone System"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and  
Administrative Departments

## 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

~~234FF~~ 204H-1.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND AND FURTHER RECOGNIZES THAT WHEN THE LIVES OR PROPERTY OF ITS CITIZENS ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER, TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE MUST BE RENDERED.

(B) FURTHER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS ALMOST ALWAYS SUMMONED BY TELEPHONE AND THAT A MULTIPLICITY OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS EXIST THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND WITHIN ANY ONE COUNTY.

(C) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONCERNED THAT AVOIDABLE DELAYS IN REACHING APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY AID ARE OCCURRING TO THE JEOPARDY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

(D) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE THREE DIGIT NUMBER, 911, IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND APPLIED