

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 11 - Frederick County

2-8-1.

It shall be unlawful for any persons or association to provide ANY FORMALLY ORGANIZED fire protection or fire fighting service, [or] rescue OR AMBULANCE service in Frederick County unless a volunteer fire department, RESCUE DEPARTMENT, OR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT is incorporated, designated, and approved and recognized by the Frederick County [Firemen's] VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE Association, INC. and the board of county commissioners. Any person, or organization convicted of violating this [section] CHAPTER shall be subject to a fine not to exceed [one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$1,000 for each offense or imprisonment for a term not exceeding [six (6)] 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. In addition, any person[, persons] or association violating this [section] CHAPTER shall be subject to being enjoined from violating this [section] CHAPTER, and in addition, a civil penalty may be recovered by the board of county commissioners in the amount of [two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)] \$2,000 for each offense from any person [or persons] violating this [section] CHAPTER. This [section] CHAPTER [is not intended to] DOES NOT include [private property and] FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENTS ORGANIZED BY AND FOR SERVICE TO government installations AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

2-8-2.

The board of county commissioners with the advice AND CONSENT of the Frederick County [Firemen's] VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE Association, INC. may, by rules and regulations adopted by the board of county commissioners, provide specifications for equipment, service area designations and operations in the best interest of the volunteer fire, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE departments in the county[, and in addition, any]. ANY volunteer fire, RESCUE, OR AMBULANCE department which is incorporated and approved and recognized by the Frederick County [Firemen's] VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE Association, INC. and the board of county commissioners which does not meet the standards for equipment, service areas or operations of the Frederick County [Firemen's] VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE Association, INC. or any other criteria adopted by the board of county commissioners shall be ineligible for any appropriations from the board of county commissioners, anything to the contrary notwithstanding herein, and any appropriations may be denied, withheld, or curtailed. Any fire, RESCUE, OR