

FOR the purpose of establishing an Emergency Assistance Trust Fund for certain purposes ~~to be administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association in accordance with its bylaws~~; authorizing the award of grants or loans from the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund to volunteer fire companies and rescue squads under certain circumstances by the Board of Public Works upon the recommendations of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; providing for the approval of requests for financial assistance under this Act by the Maryland State Firemen's Association with a right of appeal to a certain panel; requiring a volunteer fire company or rescue squad receiving financial assistance under this Act to execute a certain agreement with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and to provide a certain matching dollar amount; allowing the Board of Public Works to waive the matching dollar requirement or provide for repayment of the matching amount over a period of time under certain circumstances; providing that a local government may not reduce the amount of money that the volunteer fire company or rescue squad may otherwise be entitled to receive from the local government because of State financial assistance provided under this Act; requiring the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning to provide the legislative auditor with certain information; requiring the legislative auditor to conduct certain reviews and to provide certain reports; allowing for an audit procedure by the Comptroller; authorizing the Board of Public Works to promulgate rules and regulations to administer this Act; requiring a report by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning on the administration and effectiveness of the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund program by a certain date; authorizing an annual appropriation for certain purposes of the Maryland State Firemen's Association other than for emergency assistance; providing that certain provisions of this Act are of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, 1984; and generally relating to State assistance for volunteer fire fighters and rescue squadmen.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 44
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 46
Annotated Code of Maryland