

considered when these applicants are being considered for appointment or employment; and relating generally to criminal record checks for fire fighters, rescue squad members, and paramedics.

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations  
Section 7A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

7A.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27, SECTIONS 742 THROUGH 755 OF THE CODE, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND RESCUE SQUADS MAY REQUEST A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK ON AN APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER OR PAID FIRE FIGHTER, RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER, OR PARAMEDIC.

(B) UPON REQUEST BY AN EMPLOYING OR APPOINTING ENTITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT FOR APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT SHALL FURNISH A CLASSIFIABLE SET OF FINGERPRINTS TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AS THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL DESIGNATE BY RULE, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MARYLAND STATE PUBLIC CRIMINAL RECORDS CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND FOR FORWARDING TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL RECORD CHECK.

(C) IF A COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS LEGALLY DESIGNATED A FIRE MARSHAL TO SERVE AS DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AN APPLICANT IN THAT JURISDICTION SHALL, UPON REQUEST, FURNISH THE FINGERPRINTS TO THAT DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE CRIMINAL RECORDS CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND FOR FORWARDING TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL RECORD CHECK.

(D) A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD OPERATED BY THE STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD MAY OBTAIN CONVICTION AND ARREST RECORDS.

~~(E) -- A -- VOLUNTEER -- FIRE -- COMPANY -- OR -- RESCUE -- SQUAD -- MAY OBTAIN ONLY CONVICTION RECORDS --~~