SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 31, 1983.

CHAPTER 539

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(Senate Bill 659)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Vehicle Operation - Liability

FOR the purpose of providing that certain operators of emergency vehicles are not liable for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; providing that owners or lessees of emergency vehicles are liable for certain acts or omissions of authorized operators of emergency vehicles under certain circumstances; providing for limitations on liability; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the liability of certain emergency vehicle operations in this State.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation Section 19-103 Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

19-103.

- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) "EMERGENCY VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN  $\S$  11-118 OF THIS ARTICLE.
  - (3) "EMERGENCY SERVICE" MEANS:
    - (I) RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY CALL;
- (II) PURSUING A VIOLATOR OR A SUSPECTED VIOLATOR OF THE LAW; OR