

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 14 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Enacted May 26, 2006.

CHAPTER 622

(House Bill 1515)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - Grants and Loans

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain permissible reasons for awards from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund apply only to grants from the Fund; altering a prohibition on certain grant or loan awards from being used to refinance certain debts or obligations; ~~clarifying that certain requirements regarding documents to be included with requests for awards from the Fund only apply to loan requests~~ ~~repealing a prohibition against the Board of Public Works making certain loans from the Fund if a certain volunteer company has not made a good faith effort to obtain money from its local government;~~ clarifying that a requirement that a certain volunteer company certify that the company made a certain application and was denied only applies to grant requests; altering the circumstances under which a volunteer company may appeal certain actions of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; providing that the Treasurer shall disburse certain money from Fund to the Association; altering a requirement that a certain volunteer company submit certain financial statements to the Association; providing that the intent of the General Assembly is that the Governor include an appropriation for the Fund in the annual State budget; and generally relating to grants and loans from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 8-203, 8-204, and 8-206

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

8-203.

(a) The purpose of the Fund is to ensure adequate fire protection and rescue services in the State.