

transfer from the Account by an amount up to the amount of the reductions made by the General Assembly in the General Fund appropriations.

(i) Funds of the Account may only be transferred from the Account as provided in this section and are not subject to transfer by budget amendment.

(j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and § 13-209(g) of the Tax – Property Article, for fiscal year 2007 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Account equal to the amount by which the unappropriated General Fund surplus as of June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year exceeds \$10,000,000.

(2) The appropriation required under this subsection for any fiscal year may be reduced by the amount of any appropriation to the Account required to be included for that fiscal year under subsection (e) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Enacted April 7, 2006.

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**CHAPTER 53**

**(Senate Bill 562)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Fire Companies – Limited Access to Private Water Sources**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a fire company, if there is no other water system available to extinguish a fire or mitigate an emergency, to enter private property to obtain water from a private water source to extinguish the fire or mitigate the emergency incident; and generally relating to limited access to private water sources by fire companies in response to emergencies.

BY adding to

- Article – Public Safety
- Section 7-403
- 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**

7-403.

IF NO PUBLIC WATER SOURCE IS AVAILABLE TO A FIRE COMPANY TO SUPPLY WATER TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE OR MITIGATE AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT, A FIRE