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(a) (1) In accordance with the State budget, the Secretary shall make grants to local law enforcement agencies to purchase and replace protective body armor based on the comparative needs of each local law enforcement agency as determined by the criteria set forth in § 4-103(b) of this subtitle.

(2) A single grant may not initially exceed 10% of the total money budgeted in the Fund for any fiscal year.

(b) After the initial allocation of money, the Secretary may distribute any money remaining in the Fund on an equitable basis, as determined by the criteria set forth in § 4-103(b) of this subtitle.

(C) AFTER THE ALLOCATIONS OF MONEY MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY DISTRIBUTE ANY OF THE MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND TO THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION TO ASSIST THE DIVISION TO ACQUIRE PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR FOR ITS AGENTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 463**

**(Senate Bill 144)**

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis - Fire and Explosive Investigators - Authority**

FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator operating in Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make an arrest without a warrant and exercise certain powers of arrest; authorizing an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator to exercise certain authority while operating outside Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis under certain circumstances; authorizing the Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis Fire Chief to limit certain authority of a fire and explosive investigator to make an arrest without a warrant or exercise certain powers of arrest; requiring the Fire Chief to express the limitation in writing; excluding an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator from the definition of "law enforcement officer" under the law relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; including an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator in the definition of "police officer" in connection with