CHAPTER 136

(Senate Bill 228)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Volunteer Company Assistance Fund - State Budget

FOR the purpose of clarifying and altering certain requirements and limitations on the award of grants and loans from the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund; altering certain procedures for the award of grants and loans from the Fund; repealing requirements for each request for a grant or loan from the Fund to be submitted to the Department of Budget and Management for approval and to the Department of Legislative Services for review; altering certain requirements for a certain annual report required from the Maryland State Firemen's Association regarding grants and loans awarded from the Fund; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Legislative Auditor to review certain documentation and to report to certain entities regarding grants and loans awarded from the Fund; expressing certain legislative intent related to certain appropriations to and from the Fund; and generally relating to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 8-201 and 8-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Public Safety

Section 8-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 8-204, 8-205, 8-208, and 8-209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

8-201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.