

Volunteer Fire Fighters and Rescue Squadmen -
Emergency Assistance Trust Fund

FOR the purpose of improving fire, rescue, and ambulance service in this State by reauthorizing the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund; ~~authorizing use of the Trust Fund under certain conditions when a volunteer company must comply with certain State or federal regulatory requirements;~~ providing that Trust Funds not obligated at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the General Treasury and that loan repayments may be used to fund new requests for financial assistance from the Trust Fund; requiring certain documentation to be provided by volunteer companies that have received financial assistance from the Trust Fund ~~rather than financial statements;~~ requiring a certain evaluation by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; providing a certain limitation on the amount of certain appropriated funds that may be used by the Maryland State Firemen's Association for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Emergency Trust Fund Program.

BY repealing

Chapter 239 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982
Section 5

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 46A(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 46A(a)(1) and ~~(b)~~, 46B, and 46C(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, Throughout Maryland's history, volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies have been a very important provider of fire and emergency services to the citizens of the State and, by saving lives and protecting property, have saved the taxpayer substantial dollars that would otherwise have to be expended by government directly for these services; and

WHEREAS, By Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1982, the General Assembly, in recognition of the escalating cost of fire and rescue services and the disparities in level of support provided