

EXCLUSIVE-BARGAINING-REPRESENTATIVES-FOR-FIRE-FIGHTERS,-EMERGENCY VEHICLE-DRIVERS,-AND-EMERGENCY-TECHNICIANS-HAVE--BEEN--RECOGNIZED BY-THOSE-POLITICAL-SUBDIVISIONS-

{B}- {1}--THIS--SUBTITLE--SHALL--BE--INTERPRETED--AND--APPLIED--TO ENCOURAGE--THE--FORMATION--OF--BINDING--CONTRACTS--BETWEEN--PUBLIC EMPLOYERS--AND--LABOR--ORGANIZATIONS--THAT--REPRESENT--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-

{2}--THIS-SUBTITLE-SHALL-BE-INTERPRETED-AND-APPLIED-TO AVOID-UNRESOLVED-DISPUTES-THAT-OCCUR--IN--COLLECTIVE--BARGAINING, IMPASSES,-AND-WORK-STOPPAGES-BY-PUBLIC-EMPLOYEES-

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{A}--IN--THIS-SUBTITLE-THE-FOLLOWING-WORDS-HAVE-THE-MEANINGS INDICATED: disputes between the Baltimore City government and fire fighter employees, the citizens of Baltimore City have chosen binding arbitration as a method of resolving impasses in collective bargaining; now, therefore,

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

{B}- {1}--"BARGAIN"-OR-"BARGAINING"-MEANS-THE-OBLIGATION-OF-A COUNTY-GOVERNMENT-AND-AN-EXCLUSIVE-BARGAINING--REPRESENTATIVE--TO MEET--AND--NEGOTIATE--AT-REASONABLE-TIMES-THAT-ARE-APPROPRIATE-TO THE-BUDGET-MAKING-PROCESS-FOR-A-FISCAL-YEAR-WITH--THE--OBJECT--OF REACHING--AN--AGREEMENT--ON--WAGES,-HOURS,-AND--OTHER-TERMS-AND CONDITIONS-OF-EMPLOYMENT-

{2}--PROVIDED--THAT--ALL--ISSUES--ARE--RESOLVED,-"THE OBLIGATION-TO-BARGAIN"-INCLUDES-THE-DUTY-TO-MEET-AND-NEGOTIATE-IN GOOD--FAITH--AND-TO-REDUCE-TO-WRITING-THE-MATTERS-THAT-ARE-AGREED UPON-AS-A-RESULT-OF-NEGOTIATION-

{C}--"CHIEF-EXECUTIVE"--MEANS--THE--MAYOR--OF--THE--CITY--OF BALTIMORE-AND-THE-COUNTY-EXECUTIVE-OF-BALTIMORE-COUNTY-

{D}--"COUNTY"--MEANS--THE--CITY--OF--BALTIMORE-AND-BALTIMORE COUNTY-

{E}--"COUNTY-GOVERNMENT"--MEANS-THE-MAYOR-AND-CITY-COUNCIL-OF BALTIMORE-AND-THE-CHARTER-GOVERNMENT-OF-BALTIMORE-COUNTY-

{F}--"EXCLUSIVE-BARGAINING-REPRESENTATIVE"--MEANS--ANY--LABOR ORGANIZATION--THAT--HAS--BEEN--DESIGNATED--THE--SOLE-AND-EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE-OF-FIRE-FIGHTERS-FOR-PURPOSES-OF--BARGAINING--OVER WAGES,-GRIEVANCES,-AND-OTHER-TERMS-AND-CONDITIONS-OF-EMPLOYMENT-

{G}--"FIRE-FIGHTERS"--MEANS--ALL--SALARIED--EMPLOYEES--OF--A COUNTY--GOVERNMENT--WHOSE--DUTIES--INCLUDE--CONTROLLING, EXTINGUISHING,-PREVENTING,-DETECTING-OR-INVESTIGATING--FIRES,-OR RELATED--DUTIES,-OR-WHO-USE-FIRE-SUPPRESSION,-EMERGENCY-MEDICAL, OR-RESCUE--APPARATUS--TO--PROTECT--PROPERTY--AND--SAVE--LIVES--AS UNIFORMED-MEMBERS-OF-A-FIRE-DEPARTMENT-OR-FIRE-SERVICE-