

Act; providing that certain expenses of an emergency response, containment, cleanup, and abatement under this Act are a debt of the responsible motor carrier; requiring certain negotiations under this Act; allowing certain parties to file a court suit if the negotiations do not resolve certain disputes; ~~requiring the Attorney General and counsel to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide certain assistance~~ permitting the award of reasonable attorney's fees under certain circumstances; providing for the payment of reimbursements under this Act to certain persons, volunteer companies, and counties; providing that this Act does not apply to a release of hazardous materials from farm vehicles; specifying that this Act does not abrogate certain rights; providing for the scope of this Act; ~~providing~~ providing for a certain report under this Act; and generally relating to the responsibility of a motor carrier who transports hazardous materials that result in a spill or discharge of hazardous materials to reimburse certain expenses.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3-1101 through 3-1106 ~~3-1107~~, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Reimbursement for Costs of Emergency Response, Containment, Cleanup, and Abatement"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
 Departments
 Section 4-102(a) and 4-103(d)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

~~Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
 Departments
 Section 4-103-1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, Proposals to reimburse volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads, and volunteer ambulance companies for certain damaged or destroyed equipment that was used to contain,