

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)
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BY-adding-to

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Section-4-103-1
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Preamble

WHEREAS, Proposals to reimburse paid fire departments, as well as volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads, and volunteer ambulance companies for certain damaged or destroyed equipment that was used to contain, clean up, and abate a hazardous materials spill or discharge caused in a traffic accident involving a motor carrier were studied extensively during the 1987 Interim; and

WHEREAS, By means of negotiated settlements first and court action if necessary, this Act provides a mechanism under which the paid--fireman--is individuals who work for or with paid fire departments are reimbursed for damaged or destroyed personal protective equipment by the motor carrier that is at fault in and causes a traffic accident involving a containment, cleanup, and abatement of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that this Act is working properly, an interim report on its operation will be required within a year after its effective date; and

WHEREAS, Insofar as the paid fire department is reimbursed for damaged or destroyed personal protective equipment under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 or under the State Emergency Assistance Trust Fund (Article 38A, § 46A of the Code), this Act is not intended to provide double reimbursement; now, therefore,