

(D) "BOARD OF REGENTS" MEANS THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM.

(E) "CENTER" MEANS THE ~~R. R.~~ ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER.

(F) "EMS BOARD" MEANS THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD.

(G) "INSTITUTE" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

(H) "MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION" MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION.

(I) "STUDY CENTER" MEANS THE CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS, JR. NATIONAL STUDY CENTER FOR TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS.

~~(H)~~ (J) "UNIVERSITY" MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT BALTIMORE.

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IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

(1) THE STATE OF MARYLAND HAS BEEN A NATIONAL PIONEER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;

(2) THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND WELL FOR THE PAST TWO DECADES BY REDUCING MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FOR THOUSANDS OF SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENTS;

(3) THE SUCCESS OF MARYLAND'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM IS DUE LARGELY TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF MANY INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY THE THOUSANDS OF CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND RESCUE SQUADMEN; SQUAD PERSONNEL;

(4) THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIGHLY TRAINED CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND RESCUE SQUADMEN SQUAD PERSONNEL PROVIDING LIFE-SUSTAINING SERVICES IN THE FIELD TO ILL AND INJURED PERSONS;

(5) THE NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AND RESCUE SQUADMEN SQUAD PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DECLINING BUT ARE AN ESSENTIAL AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE STATE'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEIR ROLE IS PRESERVED;

~~(3)~~ (6) THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM IS A LARGE AND COMPLEX ENTITY INVOLVING NUMEROUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERESTS AND REQUIRING CLOSE COORDINATION TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MARYLANDERS;