

certain State fire, rescue, and ambulance funds not distributed to a county due to the county's failure to satisfy certain requirements shall be distributed to those counties that satisfy certain requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the distribution of certain State fire, rescue, and ambulance funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

Section 45C

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

Section 45D(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

Section 3

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

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

45C.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, each county shall receive an initial allocation of funds based on a percentage to be determined in the following manner:

(1) The Director of the Department of Assessments and Taxation shall certify to the secretary for each county its total percentage of agricultural, agricultural-residential, residential, condominium, apartment, commercial, industrial, and exempted property tax accounts, including vacant unimproved properties, relative to the statewide total of all such property tax accounts for the first completed fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which funds are to be allocated.

(2) The percentage determined in subsection (a)(1) of this section shall then be applied for each county to any amount included in the State budget for the purposes set forth in this subtitle. However, each county shall be entitled to receive an allocation of at least 2 percent of the total fund as appropriated in the State budget, in addition to the amount that is distributed to companies, departments, or stations located within qualified municipalities in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of this section.

(b) (1) Each county shall distribute the funds provided under this subtitle to those fire, rescue, and ambulance companies, departments, or stations within its jurisdiction, including companies, departments, or stations located within municipal