the Tax – Property Article, the governing body of Anne Arundel County may grant a refund of property taxes paid for the tax years July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1996, by a disabled veteran who would have qualified for an exemption under § 7-208 of the Tax – Property Article for those years, except for the requirement that the disabled veteran own the property at the time the application is filed, to the disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of the disabled veteran applies for the refund on or before December 31, 1997.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

## **CHAPTER 352**

(Senate Bill 390)

AN ACT concerning

## Fire Prevention Commission, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Explosives Advisory Council – Transfer to the Department of State Police

FOR the purpose of transferring the Fire Prevention Commission, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Explosives Advisory Council from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Department of State Police; transferring certain rights, powers, duties, obligations, functions, employees, and property to the Department of State Police; providing that employees of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services who are transferred to the Department of State Police by this Act shall be transferred without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment status; requiring the Department of Legislative Reference, in conjunction with the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to revise the Code to conform it to the changes made by this Act; and generally relating to the transfer of the Fire Prevention Commission, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Explosives Advisory Council to the Department of State Police.

## BY transferring

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 4-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

to be

Article 88B - Department of State Police

Section 30A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,