

motor vehicles to fund the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund; providing for distribution of the surcharge; repealing obsolete provisions; establishing the Low Interest Revolving Loan Fund to be administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association; requiring the Association to perform certain duties; specifying the requirements for submitting a loan request to the Association; requiring the Board of Public Works to approve certain loan requests; requiring the Association to submit a certain annual report; authorizing the Comptroller to audit the Association; repealing certain provisions concerning the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund; establishing the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing fund; establishing the Emergency Assistance Trust Account and the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account in the Fund; providing for the purposes and uses of the Emergency Assistance Trust Account and the Low Interest Revolving Loan Account; providing for the administration of the Fund; providing certain sources of revenue for the Fund; authorizing the Board of Public Works to authorize use of the Accounts; requiring certain volunteer ambulance, fire, or rescue companies to submit a request for certain financial assistance containing certain information to the Maryland State Firemen's Association; requiring certain volunteer companies to submit certain certification of a certain denial for local financial assistance with an application for funding under the Emergency Assistance Trust Account; requiring certain volunteer companies to provide certain matching funds to receive funds from the Emergency Assistance Trust Account under certain circumstances; providing for an appeals procedure under the Emergency Assistance Trust Account if the Maryland State Firemen's Association denies or fails to take action on a certain request; providing for the composition of the appeals panel; requiring the Maryland State Firemen's Association or the appeals panel to transmit a certain recommendation and certain documentation to the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to forward a certain request to the Department of Legislative Services; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to review a certain request; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Comptroller to audit the finances of the Maryland State Firemen's Association for a certain purpose; requiring certain volunteer companies to forward certain statements and documents to the Department of Budget and Management and the Legislative Auditor in a certain manner; requiring the Legislative Auditor to submit certain reports to the Department of Budget and Management and the Joint Audit Committee of the General Assembly in a certain manner; authorizing the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget to be appropriated to and administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland State Firemen's Association to develop certain criteria for a specified purpose; requiring the Association to submit a certain annual report containing certain information in a certain manner to the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to review a certain report; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to report to certain committees of the General Assembly concerning a certain report; providing that money in the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund shall be used for a