(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments 18-101.

- (f) In this subtitle, the following words and terms have the meanings indicated:
- (1) "County" means any of the 23 counties of Maryland and Baltimore City.
 - (2) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the State Treasury.
 - (3) "Board" means the Emergency Number Systems Board.
- (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.
- (5) "911 system" means a telephone service which meets the planning guidelines established pursuant to § 18–103 of this subtitle, and which automatically connects a person dialing the digits 911 to an established public safety answering point. 911 system includes equipment for connecting and outswitching 911 calls within a telephone central office, trunking facilities from the central office to a public safety answering point, and equipment to connect 911 calls to the appropriate public safety agency.
 - (6) "Enhanced 911" means a 911 system that provides:
 - (i) Automatic number identification:
 - (ii) Automatic location identification: and
- (iii) After-July-1, 1995, other future technological advancements that the Board may require.
- (7) "Public safety answering point" means a communications facility operated on a 24 hour basis which first receives 911 calls from persons in a 911 service area and which may, as appropriate, directly dispatch public safety services or extend, transfer, or relay 911 calls to appropriate public safety agencies.
- (8) "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a public agency which provides fire fighting, police; medical, or other emergency services or a private entity which provides such services on a voluntary basis.
- (9) "County plan" means a plan for a 911-system or enhanced 911 system or any amendment to the plan developed by a county or several counties together under the provisions of §§ 18-102 and 18-104 of this subtitle.
- (10) "911 Trust Fund" means the Fund established by § 18 105 of this subtitle.