directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property [, in kind contributions, or] OR IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS. THE FUND MAY CONSIST OF funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved April 10, 2001.

CHAPTER 56

(House Bill 205)

AN ACT concerning

Fires and Investigations – Mutual Aid Agreements – Clarification

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term "fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity" in connection with certain mutual aid agreements; clarifying language; and generally relating to mutual aid agreements among fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article 38A – Fires and Investigations
    Section 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (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 38A – Fires and Investigations

37.

    (a)   (1)   In this [section,] SUBTITLE the following terms have the meanings indicated.

        (2)   "Fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity" means a: