- (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CECIL COUNTY.
- (B) VIDEO CONFERENCING PROCEDURES AND TECHNOLOGY MAY BE USED TO FACILITATE THE PRETRIAL RELEASE PROCESS NOTWITHSTANDING MARYLAND RULE 4-217(G), AFTER A DEFENDANT HAS APPEARED IN PERSON BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR JUDGE IN A CASE, THE DEFENDANT MAY POST BOND BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OR HAND DELIVERY OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION WITHOUT APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR JUDGE, IF AUTHORIZED BY:
- (1) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE; AND
- (2) IN THE DISTRICT COURT, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT.
- (C) IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PROCEEDING CONDUCTED THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING, ALL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THE COURT FILE AND THAT WOULD BE A PART OF THE FILE IF THE PROCEEDING HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AT THE COURT SHALL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

## **CHAPTER 179**

(Senate Bill 701)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Maryland State Firemen's Association - Uses of Appropriation

FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which the Maryland State Firemen's Association may use money appropriated in the State budget; altering the purposes for which the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used for a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.