BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Public Safety

Section 8-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

8 - 205.

- (a) After consultation with the Association, the Governor may include in the State budget each year an amount for the purposes set forth in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) The Association may use money appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to:
- (1) formulate, publish, and distribute the fire laws of Maryland AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS, LAWS, GUIDELINES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS;
- (2) formulate, publish, and distribute an annual report and monthly or other timely bulletins and reports;
- (3) [publish and distribute fire prevention material] PURCHASE, PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE FIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND SAFETY EDUCATION MATERIALS AND SPONSOR SEMINARS AND OTHER PUBLIC FORUMS TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;
- (4) [keep] MAINTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE records that relate to the annual inspections of fire and rescue equipment and facilities; [and]
- (5) establish and maintain a database on manpower availability and training, operational cost, equipment availability, response time, State and local financial support, and other relevant factors in providing fire and rescue services;
- (6) MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND MEETING ATTENDANCE IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT DISSEMINATE TRAINING AND EDUCATION AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY