

- (1) one-third of the children effective October 1, 1998, giving priority to children for whom the permanency plan is adoption and children who have been in foster care for the greatest length of time;
- (2) another third of the children effective April 1, 1999; and
- (3) all remaining children effective October 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, § 5-408(c) of the Family Law Article, as enacted by this Act, shall apply only to children who are adopted on or after October 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any reference in the Annotated Code to "foster care review boards", rendered obsolete by this Act, shall be corrected by the publisher of the Annotated Code in consultation with the Executive Director of Legislative Services, with no further action required by the General Assembly. The publisher of the Annotated Code shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 540

(House Bill 1097)

AN ACT concerning

State Fire Marshal - Fees - Exemptions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Fire Marshal from collecting a certain fee for conducting an inspection of property that is owned by the State, a county, a municipal corporation, or a nonprofit entity or certain fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities; and generally relating to the State Fire Marshal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

Section 8(m)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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