

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 14, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 3**

**(Senate Bill 282)**

AN ACT concerning

**Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund**

FOR the purpose of naming the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in memory of the late Senator William H. Amoss.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A – Fires and Investigations

Section 45A(e) and 45B(a) to be under the amended subtitle “Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, William H. Amoss was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1974 and to the Senate of Maryland in 1982; and

WHEREAS, During his 23-year tenure as a member of the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Amoss championed efforts to assure the provision of adequate fire and rescue services to the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Senator Amoss was instrumental in establishing the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in 1985 to provide State assistance for local and volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies for the acquisition of fire and emergency vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, Senator Amoss worked countless hours with fire and emergency services officials, fellow legislators, and the Chief Executives of the State to increase funding and revise the aid formula to address the growing demands placed on local and volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies; and

WHEREAS, Naming the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in Memory of Bill Amoss honors his long commitment to helping provide outstanding fire and emergency services to the people of Maryland and his dedication to the men and women who provide these services; now, therefore,