

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the sales and use tax revenue collected from January 1, 2008, through the end of June 30, 2008, the Comptroller shall distribute [§110,000,000] \$50,000,000 to the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund established under § 2-801 of the Public Safety Article. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include in the annual budget bill in fiscal years 2009 through 2012, an amount sufficient from the Fund, to purchase 3 helicopters each fiscal year. It is the further intent of the General Assembly that the State Police purchase a flight simulator to use for helicopter pilot training.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) To replace funds diverted from the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund as provided in Section 2 of this Act, from the revenues collected from the sales and use tax, the Governor shall appropriate in the State budgets for fiscal 2010, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2012, amounts totaling in the aggregate at least \$70,000,000 for the purchase of Med-Evac helicopters, on a schedule compatible with procurement of 12 helicopters on or before June 30, 2012. The appropriations required under this section may be made from any budgetary fund to which proceeds of the sales and use tax are credited.

(b) The amount required to be appropriated under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced on a dollar for dollar basis by:

(1) The amount that capital debt is authorized before June 30, 2012, to purchase Med-Evac helicopters; or

(2) Contributions, transfers, or other financing acquired from the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for the procurement of Med-Evac helicopters, as authorized by an Act of the General Assembly.

SECTION ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section ~~3~~ 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.