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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Fire Companies, Rescue Squads, and Emergency Medical Services Units -**
3 **Command and Supervisory Responsibilities**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a member of a volunteer fire company, rescue squad, or
5 emergency medical services unit from supervising a person who is employed by a
6 State, county, or municipal fire department, rescue squad, or emergency medical
7 services unit except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a member of a
8 volunteer fire company, rescue squad, or emergency medical services unit from
9 commanding the operations of an integrated response to a fire, rescue, or
10 emergency medical services call except under certain circumstances; defining
11 certain terms; and generally relating to volunteer fire companies, rescue squads, and
12 emergency medical services units.

13 BY adding to

14 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
15 Section 68 to be under the new subtitle "Integrated Responses"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 38A - Fires and Investigations**

21 **INTEGRATED RESPONSES**

22 68.

23 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS
24 INDICATED.

25 (2) "CAREER UNIT" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL FIRE
26 DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT.

27 (3) "CAREER WORKER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A
28 CAREER UNIT.

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1 (4) "INTEGRATED RESPONSE" MEANS FUNCTIONING WITH BOTH
2 VOLUNTEER AND CAREER UNITS ON A RESPONSE TO A FIRE, RESCUE, OR
3 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CALL.

4 (5) "LOCAL CAREER STANDARDS FOR COMMAND PERSONNEL" MEANS:

5 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
6 PARAGRAPH, CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VOLUNTEER
7 UNIT IS LOCATED FOR CAREER WORKERS WHO SEEK TO EXERCISE COMMAND
8 RESPONSIBILITIES; OR

9 (II) IF THE VOLUNTEER UNIT IS LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY
10 THAT OPERATES A FIRE DEPARTMENT, CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE
11 MUNICIPALITY FOR CAREER WORKERS WHO SEEK TO EXERCISE COMMAND
12 RESPONSIBILITIES.

13 (6) "LOCAL CAREER STANDARDS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL"
14 MEANS:

15 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
16 PARAGRAPH, CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VOLUNTEER
17 UNIT IS LOCATED FOR CAREER WORKERS WHO SEEK TO EXERCISE SUPERVISORY
18 RESPONSIBILITIES; OR

19 (II) IF THE VOLUNTEER UNIT IS LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY
20 THAT OPERATES A FIRE DEPARTMENT, CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE
21 MUNICIPALITY FOR CAREER WORKERS WHO SEEK TO EXERCISE SUPERVISORY
22 RESPONSIBILITIES.

23 (7) "VOLUNTEER UNIT" MEANS A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, RESCUE
24 SQUAD, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT.

25 (8) "VOLUNTEER WORKER" MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVES IN A
26 VOLUNTEER UNIT.

27 (B) A VOLUNTEER WORKER MAY NOT SUPERVISE A CAREER WORKER ON AN
28 INTEGRATED RESPONSE UNLESS THE VOLUNTEER WORKER MEETS THE LOCAL
29 CAREER STANDARDS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL.

30 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
31 VOLUNTEER WORKER MAY NOT COMMAND OPERATIONS ON AN INTEGRATED
32 RESPONSE UNLESS THE VOLUNTEER WORKER MEETS THE LOCAL CAREER
33 STANDARDS FOR COMMAND PERSONNEL.

34 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VOLUNTEER WORKER
35 WHO COMMANDS THE OPERATIONS OF A VOLUNTEER UNIT THAT FUNCTIONS
36 SEPARATELY AS A SINGLE UNIT ON AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
38 October 1, 1997.