

HOUSE BILL 917

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By: **Delegates Rawlings, Marriott, and McHale**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police - Law Enforcement Equipment Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to assist local  
4 law enforcement agencies in acquiring law enforcement equipment needed to  
5 address violent crime; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary of the  
6 State Police to establish application procedures and administer the grants;  
7 requiring local law enforcement agencies to provide certain statistics and other  
8 information to the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to consider certain criteria  
9 in determining the amount of the grants; requiring the local law enforcement  
10 agencies to submit proof of appropriate expenditure; and generally relating to  
11 the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 88B - Department of State Police  
14 Section 30B  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 88B - Department of State Police**

20 30B.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "FUND" MEANS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND  
24 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 (3) "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE AGENCY OF ANY  
26 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, WITHIN THIS  
27 STATE THAT PERFORMS POLICE PROTECTION FUNCTIONS.

1 (4) "LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT" MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT USED  
2 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES INCLUDING VEHICLES, CRIME TRACKING  
3 TECHNOLOGY, PHOTO IMAGING EQUIPMENT, SURVEILLANCE DEVICES, WEAPONS,  
4 AMMUNITION, AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES.

5 (B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND IS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST  
6 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ACQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
7 EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ADDRESS VIOLENT CRIME.

8 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE  
9 WITH THIS SECTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

10 (2) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE  
11 BUDGET.

12 (3) PAYMENTS OUT OF THE FUND SHALL BE MADE TO A LOCAL LAW  
13 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BY THE STATE TREASURER AS AUTHORIZED BY THE  
14 SECRETARY.

15 (D) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR  
16 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR AID FROM THE FUND, WITH  
17 FUNDING PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE JURISDICTIONS WITH THE HIGHEST  
18 INCIDENCE OF VIOLENT CRIME.

19 (2) A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY APPLYING FOR AID FROM THE  
20 FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY:

21 (I) THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS COMMITTED  
22 WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE  
23 LAST 2 YEARS; AND

24 (II) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY DEEMS  
25 NECESSARY IN MAKING AWARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT.

26 (E) THE SECRETARY, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET,  
27 SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR REPLACEMENT OF LAW  
28 ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BASED UPON  
29 THE COMPARATIVE NEEDS OF EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS  
30 DETERMINED FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF  
31 THIS SECTION.

32 (F) THE AID DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO  
33 SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING.

34 (G) AFTER A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECEIVES NOTICE OF A  
35 GRANT AWARD FROM THE SECRETARY, THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
36 MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF EXPENDITURES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO  
37 THE SECRETARY.

1 (H) THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY BY SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE  
2 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
3 ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF AID PROVIDED  
4 UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2000.