
By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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CHAPTER 649

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Crimes - Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Services**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing in Frederick County the criminal penalties for
4 providing formally organized fire, rescue, or ambulance service unless approved
5 and recognized by certain organizations; clarifying language; and generally
6 relating to fire, rescue, and ambulance services in Frederick County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 The Public Local Laws of Frederick County
9 Section 2-8-1
10 Article 11 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
11 (1979 Edition and February 1999 Supplement, as amended)

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

14 **Article 11 - Frederick County**

15 2-8-1.

16 It shall be unlawful for any persons or association to provide any formally
17 organized fire protection or firefighting service, OR rescue or ambulance service in
18 Frederick County unless a volunteer fire department, rescue department, or
19 ambulance department is incorporated, designated, and approved and recognized by
20 the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc., and the board of
21 county commissioners. [Any person, or organization convicted of violating this
22 chapter shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each offense or
23 imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both fine and imprisonment in

1 the discretion of the court. In addition, any] ANY person or association violating this
2 chapter shall be subject to being enjoined from violating this chapter, and in addition,
3 a civil penalty may be recovered by the board of county commissioners in the amount
4 of \$2,000 for each offense from any person violating this chapter. This chapter does
5 not include fire, rescue, and ambulance departments organized by and for service to
6 government installations and private industry.

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