

HOUSE BILL 675

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By: **Delegate Glassman**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Firemen's Association – Volunteer Company Assistance Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the range of purposes for which the Maryland State
4 Firemen's Association may use money in the Volunteer Company Assistance
5 Fund; authorizing that the Association may formulate, publish, and distribute
6 certain fire standards, laws, guidelines, and recommendations; authorizing the
7 Association to purchase certain materials and sponsor certain seminars and
8 other public forums and to maintain certain memberships in a certain way;
9 authorizing the Association to provide certain items for certain vehicles, provide
10 certain professional services, and promote, disseminate, and advocate for
11 certain programs and services; and generally relating to the Volunteer
12 Company Assistance Fund.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Public Safety
15 Section 8–201(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Public Safety
20 Section 8–205
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 8–201.

5 (b) “Association” means the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

6 8–205.

7 (a) After consultation with the Association, the Governor may include in the
8 State budget each year an amount for the purposes set forth in subsection (b) of this
9 section.

10 (b) The Association may use money appropriated under subsection (a) of this
11 section to:

12 (1) formulate, publish, and distribute the fire laws of Maryland **AND**
13 **OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS, LAWS, GUIDELINES, AND**
14 **RECOMMENDATIONS;**

15 (2) formulate, publish, and distribute an annual report and monthly
16 or other timely bulletins and reports;

17 (3) [publish] **PURCHASE, PUBLISH,** and distribute **MATERIAL**
18 **RELATED TO EMERGENCY SERVICES, SAFETY, AND** fire prevention [material],
19 **AND SPONSOR SEMINARS AND OTHER PUBLIC FORUMS TO DISSEMINATE THIS**
20 **INFORMATION TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;**

21 (4) [keep] **MAINTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE** records that relate to the
22 annual inspections of fire and rescue equipment and facilities; [and]

23 (5) establish and maintain a database on manpower availability and
24 training, operational cost, equipment availability, response time, State and local
25 financial support, and other relevant factors in providing fire and rescue services;

26 (6) **THROUGH FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS AND**
27 **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT:**

1 (I) DISSEMINATE TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL
2 MATERIALS;

3 (II) PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY
4 SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS; AND

5 (III) REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF VOLUNTEER
6 EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL;

7 (7) PROVIDE FUEL, INSURANCE, AND MAINTENANCE FOR
8 VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S
9 ASSOCIATION AND USED IN REPRESENTING THE VOLUNTEERS AND
10 DISSEMINATING INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

11 (8) PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, SUCH AS ACCOUNTING,
12 AUDITING, AND LEGAL CONSULTATION, AND PAY OPERATIONAL COSTS
13 ASSOCIATED WITH THE OBJECTIVES LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION; AND

14 (9) PROMOTE, DISSEMINATE, AND ADVOCATE FOR PROGRAMS
15 AND SERVICES THAT PERTAIN TO IMPROVING THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND
16 WELL-BEING OF FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2007.