

HOUSE BILL 689

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ENROLLED BILL

— Judiciary / Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by **Harford County Delegation**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – *Emergency***
3 ***Responders***

4 FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain emergency responders and certain law~~
5 ~~enforcement officers may be a party to~~ defining the term “emergency responder”
6 for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact,
7 ~~under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; including in the defined~~
8 term certain firefighters, certain emergency medical services providers, certain
9 rescue squad members, certain county employees, and certain law enforcement
10 officers; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management
11 Assistance Compact.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – Public Safety
 3 Section 14–801 ~~and 14–802~~
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 14–801.

15 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (b) “Authorized representative” means an employee of a local jurisdiction
 17 authorized by the senior elected official of that jurisdiction to request, offer, or provide
 18 assistance under the terms of the compact.

19 (c) “Compact” means the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance
 20 Compact.

21 (D) **(1) “EMERGENCY RESPONDER” MEANS ~~A~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**
 22 **SENT OR DIRECTED BY A PARTY JURISDICTION IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR**
 23 **ASSISTANCE BY ANOTHER PARTY JURISDICTION.**

24 **(2) “EMERGENCY RESPONDER” INCLUDES A:**

25 ~~(1)~~ **(I) CAREER OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITHIN THIS**
 26 **STATE;**

27 ~~(2)~~ **(II) CAREER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
 28 **SERVICES PROVIDER ~~WITHIN THIS STATE,~~ AS DEFINED IN § 13–516 OF THE**
 29 **EDUCATION ARTICLE, WITHIN THIS STATE; ~~OR~~**

1 ~~(3)~~ (III) CAREER OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER
2 WITHIN THIS STATE; ~~OR~~

3 ~~(4)~~ COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO:

4 ~~(I)~~ IS SENT BY A PARTY JURISDICTION IN RESPONSE TO A
5 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ANOTHER PARTY JURISDICTION; AND

6 ~~(II)~~ IS PERFORMING AN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION
7 DESCRIBED IN § 14-803(2)(B)(5)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE

8 ~~(IV)~~ COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO IS PERFORMING AN
9 EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION DESCRIBED IN § 14-803(2)(B)(5)(II) OF THIS
10 SUBTITLE; AND

11 ~~(V)~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED IN § 3-101 OF
12 THIS ARTICLE.

13 [(d)] (E) “Jurisdictions” means the 23 counties within Maryland, Baltimore
14 City, and Ocean City.

15 ~~(F)~~ “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
16 3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 [(e)] ~~(G)~~ (F) “Senior elected official” means:

18 (1) The Mayor;

19 (2) The County Executive; or

20 (3) For a county that does not have a county executive, the president
21 of the board of county commissioners or county council or other chief executive officer
22 of the county.

23 14-802.

24 The Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact is entered into
25 with:

26 ~~(1)~~ [all] ~~ALL~~ other jurisdictions that adopt the Compact in a form
27 substantially similar to the Compact set forth in this subtitle; ~~AND~~

1 ~~(2) EACH EMERGENCY RESPONDER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT~~
2 ~~OFFICER ORGANIZATION, IF:~~

3 ~~(I) THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES WRITTEN CONSENT TO~~
4 ~~BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT TO THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIAL~~
5 ~~OF THE COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND~~

6 ~~(II) THE WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH~~
7 ~~(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL~~
8 ~~GOVERNING BODY.~~

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.