

HOUSE BILL 1384

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, Hettleman, Morhaim, Oaks, and Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Registration of Volunteer Rescue Squads**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Fire Department to register certain
4 private nonprofit ambulance services as volunteer rescue squads; requiring that the
5 Fire Department register private ambulance services with a certain nonprofit status
6 as volunteer rescue squads; and generally relating to the registration of private
7 ambulance services as volunteer rescue squads in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 The Charter of Baltimore City

10 Article II – General Powers

11 Section (7)

12 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

16 Article II – General Powers

17 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
18 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
19 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
20 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
21 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
22 Constitution and Public General Laws:

23 (7)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A)** To provide for protection against fires, and to establish and to regulate all
2 matters relating to a Fire Department.

3 **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
4 **DEVELOP A MEANS FOR A PRIVATE NONPROFIT AMBULANCE COMPANY WITH A BASE**
5 **OF OPERATIONS IN THE CITY TO REGISTER AND OPERATE AS A VOLUNTEER RESCUE**
6 **COMPANY.**

7 **(2) THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER**
8 **RESCUE COMPANY A NONPROFIT AMBULANCE COMPANY THAT IS QUALIFIED AS TAX**
9 **EXEMPT UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2016.