

SENATE BILL 953

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Finance

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Consumer Protection~~ State Fire Marshal – Unauthorized Billing – Prohibition

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~a person~~ the State Fire Marshal from charging, attempting
4 to charge, or imposing a fee on a ~~consumer~~ person for any ~~merchandise or~~ services or
5 the processing of any documents or permits for which the ~~consumer~~ person applied
6 on behalf of another person and did not specifically contract or ~~that the consumer~~
7 ~~did not~~ otherwise ~~request~~ agree to pay; and generally relating to prohibited fees
8 ~~under consumer protection laws~~ by the State Fire Marshal.

9 ~~BY adding to~~

10 ~~Article – Commercial Law~~

11 ~~Section 14–1325~~

12 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

13 ~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)~~

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Public Safety

16 Section 6–308.1

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

21 Article – ~~Commercial Law~~ Public Safety

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.



1 ~~14-1325. 6-308.1.~~

2 ~~A PERSON THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL~~ MAY NOT CHARGE, ATTEMPT TO
3 CHARGE, OR IMPOSE A FEE ON A ~~CONSUMER PERSON~~ FOR ANY ~~MERCHANDISE OR~~
4 SERVICE OR THE PROCESSING OF ANY DOCUMENTS OR PERMITS FOR WHICH THE
5 ~~CONSUMER PERSON~~:

6 (1) APPLIED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON; AND

7 (2) DID NOT SPECIFICALLY CONTRACT OR ~~THAT THE CONSUMER DID~~
8 ~~NOT OTHERWISE REQUEST~~ AGREE TO PAY.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.