

SENATE BILL 1092

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Registration – Emergency Medical System Surcharge – Increase and**
3 **Distribution of Funds**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the motor vehicle registration emergency medical system
5 surcharge for certain motor vehicles; providing for the distribution of revenues
6 derived from the surcharge; and generally relating to the emergency medical system
7 surcharge for motor vehicle registration.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 13–954

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 13–954.

22 (a) In this section, “motor vehicle” means a:

23 (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- 2 (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;
- 3 (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- 4 (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- 5 (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- 6 (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- 7 (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- 8 (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- 9 (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- 10 (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle;
- 11 (12) Class R (low speed) vehicle; or
- 12 (13) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

13 (b) (1) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the
14 owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of ~~[\$17.00]~~
15 **\$40.00** per year for each motor vehicle registered.

16 (2) (I) ~~[\$2.50]~~ **\$7.50** of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of
17 this subsection shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund
18 established under § 19–130 of the Health – General Article.

19 (II) **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL ALLOCATE AT LEAST**
20 **\$9.00 OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
21 **SUBSECTION TO THE R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER.**

22 (III) **THE BALANCE OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER**
23 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE MARYLAND**
24 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM OPERATIONS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13–955**
25 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

26 13–955.

27 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Emergency Medical System
28 Operations Fund.

1 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

2 (2) The Comptroller shall administer the Fund, including accounting for
3 all transactions and performing year-end reconciliation.

4 (3) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §
5 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 (4) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted for and
7 credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6-226(a) of the State Finance and
8 Procurement Article.

9 (c) The Fund consists of:

10 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13-954 of this subtitle;

11 (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and
12 interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of this
13 section that is a unit of State government; and

14 (3) Revenues distributed to the Fund from the surcharges collected under
15 § 7-301(f) of the Courts Article.

16 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation
17 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget amendment
18 procedure provided under § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, provided
19 that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by the Legislative Policy
20 Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

21 (e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

22 (1) Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police, Special
23 Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

24 (2) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

25 (3) The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of
26 Maryland Medical System;

27 (4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

28 (5) The provision of grants under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire,
29 Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 1 of the
30 Public Safety Article; and

31 (6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the
32 provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2024.