## **SENATE BILL 1092**

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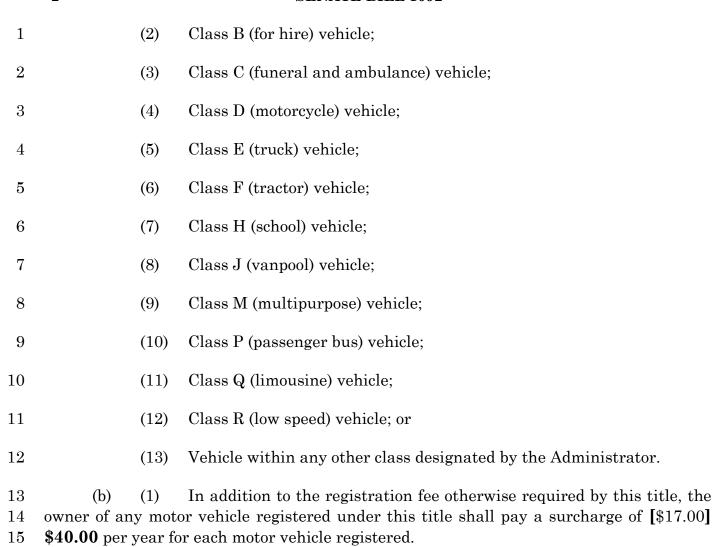
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Vehicle Registration – Emergency Medical System Surcharge – Increase and Distribution of Funds
4 5	FOR the purpose of increasing the motor vehicle registration emergency medical system surcharge for certain motor vehicles; providing for the distribution of revenues
6 7	derived from the surcharge; and generally relating to the emergency medical system 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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14	Article – Transportation
15	Section 13–955
16	Annotated Code of Maryland
17	(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
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;





- 16 (2) (I) [\$2.50] \$7.50 of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund 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 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- 26 13–955.
- 27 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Maryland Emergency Medical System 28 Operations Fund.

- 1 There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund. (b) (1) 2 The Comptroller shall administer the Fund, including accounting for (2)3 all transactions and performing year—end reconciliation. 4 The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to § (3)5 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. 6 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 Procurement Article. 8 9 The Fund consists of: (c) 10 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13–954 of this subtitle; 11 (2)All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and 12interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of this 13 section that is a unit of State government; and Revenues distributed to the Fund from the surcharges collected under 14 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 Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police, Special (1) 23Operations Bureau, Aviation Division; 24(2)The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems: 25 The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical System; 2627 **(4)** The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute; 28The 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
- 31 (6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the 32 provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

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Public Safety Article; and

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