

# SENATE BILL 805

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By: **Senators Jackson and Brooks**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System – Definition of First**  
3 **Responders**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term “first responder” as it relates to the  
5 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System to include certain individuals employed by the  
6 Department of Transportation; and generally relating to first responders.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Public Safety  
9 Section 1–301(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 1–301(j)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 1–301.

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

22 (j) (1) “First responder” means an employee of a State or local public safety  
23 agency that provides emergency response services.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           (2) “First responder” includes:
- 2                   (i) a firefighter;
- 3                   (ii) a paramedic;
- 4                   (iii) an emergency medical technician;
- 5                   **(IV) AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY THE**  
6 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**
- 7                   **(V) A FACILITY MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY THE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**
- 9                   **(VI) A VEHICLE SERVICES AND RECOVERY TECHNICIAN**  
10 **EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**
- 11                   [(iv)] **(VII)** a rescue squad member;
- 12                   [(v)] **(VIII)** a sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal;
- 13                   [(vi)] **(IX)** a member of a volunteer fire or rescue company who is a  
14 covered employee under § 9–234 of the Labor and Employment Article;
- 15                   [(vii)] **(X)** an individual who is licensed or certified under § 13–516  
16 of the Education Article; and
- 17                   [(viii)] **(XI)** a 9–1–1 specialist.

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2025.