
By: Senator Forehand

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fire and Emergency Services Personnel - Interference or Obstruction**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from interfering with or obstructing fire and
4 emergency services personnel while dispatched on a call for service;and generally
5 relating to fire and emergency services personnel.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 11D
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 11D.

15 (a) It is unlawful for any person willfully to interfere with or obstruct the State
16 Fire Marshal, a Deputy State Fire Marshal, Special Assistant State FireMarshal, Special
17 Deputy State Fire Marshal, fire fighter, rescue squad member, or emergency services
18 personnel, while the State Fire Marshal, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Special Assistant
19 State Fire Marshal, Special Deputy State Fire Marshal, fire fighter, rescue squad
20 member, or the emergency services personnel is fighting a fire, performing emergency
21 service, [or] proceeding to a fire or other emergency, OR WHILE DISPATCHED ON A
22 CALL FOR SERVICE.

23 (b) It is unlawful for any person willfully to interfere with or obstruct the State
24 Fire Marshal, a Deputy State Fire Marshal, Special Assistant State FireMarshal, or
25 Special Deputy State Fire Marshal in the course of conducting an inspection or
26 investigating a fire or explosion.

27 (c) It is unlawful for any person to:

28 (1) Falsely represent himself as being a State Fire Marshal or a sworn
29 employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, or a member of any paid or volunteer
30 fire department, rescue squad, or emergency service unit of the State, Baltimore City, or

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1 any county or municipal corporation of the State, with fraudulent design on a person or
2 property; or

3 (2) Have, use, wear, or display without proper authority, for the purpose of
4 deception, any uniform, shield, button, ornament, identification, or shoulder patch, or any
5 simulation or imitation of these articles, adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal,
6 or by any paid or volunteer fire department, rescue squad, or emergency service unit.

7 (d) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not
8 more than three (3) years.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1996.