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**By: Charles County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle-Related Offenses - Assessment of Surcharges to Support**  
3 **Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a court, in addition to any other penalty provided by law,  
5 to assess a certain surcharge against an individual convicted of certain  
6 vehicle-related offenses; requiring the clerk of the court to collect the surcharges  
7 assessed under this Act and to remit the funds semiannually to the county in which  
8 the violation occurred; requiring the governing body of a county receiving funds  
9 under this Act to distribute the funds to volunteer fire and rescue companies in the  
10 county; authorizing the county to retain a portion of the funds to cover certain  
11 administrative costs; requiring the governing body to determine the recipients and  
12 the amounts of the grants and to establish certain conditions and procedures  
13 determined by the governing body to be necessary; limiting the use of the funds to  
14 certain acquisition costs directly related to the support of volunteer fire and rescue  
15 operations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the assessment of  
16 surcharges against individuals convicted of certain vehicle-related offenses for the  
17 support of volunteer fire and rescue services.

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Transportation  
20 Section 27-111  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

25 **Article - Transportation**

26 27-111.

27 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIOLATION" MEANS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 27, § 338,  
28 § 338A, OR § 338B OF THE CODE, OR ANY VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE  
29 LAW FOR WHICH POINTS MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER §  
30 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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1 (B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY LAW, THE COURT  
2 SHALL ASSESS A \$10 SURCHARGE AGAINST EACH INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF A  
3 VIOLATION.

4 (C) SURCHARGES ASSESSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE COLLECTED BY  
5 THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND REMITTED SEMIANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNING  
6 BODY OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURRED.

7 (D) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES FUNDS  
8 UNDER THIS SECTION:

9 (I) SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
10 RESCUE COMPANIES IN THE COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF  
11 THIS SUBSECTION; AND

12 (II) MAY RETAIN A PORTION OF THE FUNDS TO PAY ANY  
13 REASONABLE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN CARRYING  
14 OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

15 (2) FOR EACH GRANT MADE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
16 GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY SHALL:

17 (I) SELECT THE RECIPIENT OF THE GRANT;

18 (II) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT;

19 (III) ESTABLISH ANY CONDITIONS ON THE GRANT CONSISTENT  
20 WITH THIS SECTION REGARDING THE USE OF THE FUNDS; AND

21 (IV) SPECIFY ANY ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES  
22 THAT THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY.

23 (E) A VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY THAT RECEIVES FUNDS  
24 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY USE THE FUNDS ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND,  
25 BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SUPPORT OF FIRE AND  
26 RESCUE OPERATIONS.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 1997.