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**By: Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee (Departmental - Md.
Inst. for Emer. Medical Serv. Sys.)**

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Emergency Medical Services Board to charge a fee
4 for certain services; providing for the establishment and application of certain fees;
5 requiring fees to be paid into the EMS Trauma and Specialty Referral Centers
6 Designation Fund; providing for the use of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a
7 continuing and nonlapsing fund not subject to reversion; and generally relating to
8 the powers and duties of the Emergency Medical Services Board.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 13-508(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 13-508.

18 (a) (1) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the EMS
19 Board may:

20 [(1)] (I) Subject to the limitations set forth in § 13-509 of this subtitle,
21 adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;

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1 [(2)] (II) Create committees from among its members;

2 [(3)] (III) Appoint advisory committees, which may include individuals and
3 representatives of interested public or private organizations;

4 [(4)] (IV) Apply for and accept any funds, property, or services from any
5 person or government agency;

6 [(5)] (V) Make agreements with a grantor or payor of funds, property, or
7 services, including an agreement to make any study, plan, demonstration, or project;

8 [(6)] (VI) Except for confidential medical information, publish and give out
9 any information that relates to the delivery of emergency medical services and is
10 considered desirable in the public interest; [and]

11 [(7)] (VII) Hold public hearings; AND

12 (VIII) SET AND CHARGE REASONABLE FEES TO BE PAID BY THE
13 APPLICANTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF TRAUMA AND SPECIALTY REFERRAL
14 CENTERS.

15 (2) (I) THE FEES CHARGED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(VIII) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION SHALL BE SET IN A MANNER THAT WILL PRODUCE FUNDS SUFFICIENT
17 TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF
18 MAINTAINING THE DESIGNATION PROGRAM.

19 (II) 1. THE EMS BOARD SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED
20 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE EMS TRAUMA AND SPECIALTY REFERRAL
21 CENTERS DESIGNATION FUND.

22 2. THE FUND SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO COVER THE
23 ACTUAL DOCUMENTED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF DESIGNATING EMS
24 TRAUMA AND SPECIALTY REFERRAL CENTERS.

25 3. THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND, NOT
26 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

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