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By: **Delegate Malone**  
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund;  
4 specifying the purpose of the Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund;  
5 providing that the Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund shall be  
6 administered by the Division of Labor and Industry; specifying the nature of the  
7 Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund; and generally relating to the  
8 Workplace Safety and Health Research Fund.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 5-608  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 5-608.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH  
19 RESEARCH FUND.

20 (B) THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION.

21 (C) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS OR LOANS TO  
22 PERSONS FOR RESEARCH ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND TO IMPROVE  
23 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR WORKERS.

24 (2) NO MONEYS MAY BE EXPENDED BY THE FUND UNTIL THE DIVISION  
25 HAS ADOPTED REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION,  
26 INCLUDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR OBTAINING A LOAN OR A GRANT UNDER THIS  
27 SECTION.

1 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT  
2 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

3 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER  
4 SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

5 (3) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME  
6 MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

7 (4) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF  
8 LEGISLATIVE AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
9 ARTICLE.

10 (E) (1) THE FUND MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
11 ANY SOURCE.

12 (2) ANY COST FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND MAY BE PAID  
13 FROM THE FUND.

14 (F) (1) MONEYS FROM THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED BY BUDGET  
15 AMENDMENT OR OTHERWISE TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE OR FOR ANY  
16 OTHER PURPOSES.

17 (2) MONEYS APPROPRIATED OR CREDITED TO THE FUND MAY NOT  
18 REVERT TO THE REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT.

19 (G) BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DIVISION SHALL REPORT TO THE  
20 GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE  
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE FUND AND THE  
22 DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1998.