

SENATE BILL 282

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of naming the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in memory
4 of the late Senator William H. Amoss.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
7 Section 45A(e) and 45B(a) to be under the amended subtitle "Senator William
8 H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund"
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, William H. Amoss was first elected to the House of Delegates in
13 1974 and to the Senate of Maryland in 1982; and

14 WHEREAS, During his 23-year tenure as a member of the Maryland General
15 Assembly, Senator Amoss championed efforts to assure the provision of adequate fire
16 and rescue services to the citizens of Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Amoss was instrumental in establishing the State Fire,
18 Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in 1985 to provide State assistance for local and
19 volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies for the acquisition of fire and
20 emergency vehicles and equipment; and

21 WHEREAS, Since that time, Senator Amoss worked countless hours with fire
22 and emergency services officials, fellow legislators, and the Chief Executives of the
23 State to increase funding and revise the aid formula to address the growing demands
24 placed on local and volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies; and

1 WHEREAS, Naming the State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in Memory
2 of Bill Amoss honors his long commitment to helping provide outstanding fire and
3 emergency services to the people of Maryland and his dedication to the men and
4 women who provide these services; now, therefore,

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

7 **Article 38A - Fires and Investigations**

8 [State] SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund
9 45A.

10 (e) "Fund" means the SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS Fire, Rescue, and
11 Ambulance Fund established under this subtitle.

12 45B.

13 (a) [A State] THE SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance
14 Fund is established to promote:

15 (1) The delivery of effective and high quality fire protection, rescue, and
16 ambulance services to the citizens of this State;

17 (2) Increased financial support for fire, rescue, and ambulance
18 companies by local governments; and

19 (3) The continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and
20 ambulance companies given the greatly increased costs of apparatus and other types
21 of equipment.

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