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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners - ~~Sanctions~~**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the powers granted to the Charles County Board of Fire  
4 and Rescue Commissioners to remove from office or bar from office certain  
5 individuals who refuse to submit certain records under a certain local public law  
6 or who violate certain provisions of a certain local public law; authorizing the  
7 Board to hire a program coordinator; requiring that the position be funded out of  
8 specified revenue; eliminating a requirement that a clerical or administrative  
9 assistant position be subject to the Charles County Personnel Policies and  
10 Procedures Manual; and generally relating to the powers of the Charles County  
11 Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 The Public Local Laws of Charles County  
14 Section 54-7 C.  
15 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
16 (1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)

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

19 **Article 9 - Charles County**

20 54-7.

21 C. In addition to any other powers that are granted under this chapter, the  
22 Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners may:

- 1           (1)     Swear witnesses and take sworn testimony;
- 2           (2)     Hire a PROGRAM COORDINATOR, A clerical or administrative  
3 assistant, OR BOTH, provided that:
- 4            (a)     ~~The~~ THE salary and benefits of the PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
5 AND clerical or administrative assistant are paid out of fire and rescue taxes; ~~and~~
- 6            (b)     ~~The position of the clerical or administrative assistant is subject~~  
7 ~~to the provisions of the Charles County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual;~~  
8 and
- 9           (3)     After consultation with the County Attorney:
- 10           (a)     Require, as a condition of receiving tax moneys, each County  
11 Fire Department and Rescue Squad, including a mobile intensive care unit, to submit  
12 financial records or minutes of meetings to the Board;
- 13           (b)     Remove from office, or bar from office, in any County Fire  
14 Department or Rescue Squad, including a mobile intensive care unit, any individual  
15 who refuses to submit any record as required under this [section] CHAPTER or  
16 otherwise deliberately violates the provisions of this [section] CHAPTER; and
- 17           (c)     Provide for an appeal process for any individual charged with a  
18 violation under this section.
- 19     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
20 effect October 1, 1999.