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By: **Delegate Rawlings (Chairman, Appropriations Committee)**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Revenue Stabilization Fund - Transfers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement that the amount of a certain
4 transfer from the Revenue Stabilization Fund to the General Fund be reduced
5 by a certain amount under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency
6 measure; and generally relating to transfers from the Revenue Stabilization
7 Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 7-311
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

16 7-311.

17 (a) In this section "Fund" means the Revenue Stabilization Fund.

18 (b) The Revenue Stabilization Fund is established to retain State revenues for
19 future needs and reduce the need for future tax increases by moderating revenue
20 growth.

21 (c) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to § 7-302
22 of this subtitle.

23 (d) The Fund consists of:

24 (1) moneys appropriated in the State budget to the Fund; and

25 (2) interest or other income earned from the investment of any portion of
26 this Fund or any other account in the State Reserve Fund.

1 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, beginning in Fiscal Year
2 1995 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the budget bill
3 an appropriation to the Fund equal to at least the lesser of \$50,000,000 or whatever
4 amount is required for the Fund balance to exceed 5% of the estimated General Fund
5 revenues for that fiscal year.

6 (f) The appropriations required by subsection (e) of this section are not
7 required when the Fund balance exceeds 5% of the estimated General Fund revenues.

8 (g) If authorized by an act of the General Assembly or specifically authorized
9 in the State budget bill as enacted, the Governor may transfer funds from the Fund to
10 General Fund revenues.

11 (h) If the [Governor transfers] BUDGET BILL AS SUBMITTED TO THE
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDES A TRANSFER OF funds from the Fund pursuant to
13 subsection (g) of this section, the BUDGET BILL AS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY MAY PROVIDE FOR A REDUCTION OF THE amount of the transfer from the
15 Fund [shall be reduced] by an amount [equivalent] UP to THE AMOUNT OF the
16 reductions made by the General Assembly in the General Fund appropriations.

17 (i) Funds of the Fund may only be transferred from the Fund as provided in
18 this section and are not subject to transfer by budget amendment.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
20 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,
21 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
22 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
23 the date it is enacted.