
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Firefighters**
3 **PG 318-99**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain training and certain certification apply to
5 certain personnel of Prince George's County; requiring that Prince George's
6 County staff a certain number of certain personnel on certain fire pumping
7 engines, aerials, and heavy rescue equipment; restricting Prince George's
8 County from operating or dispatching certain fire pumping engines, aerials, or
9 heavy rescue equipment unless staffed by a certain number of certain personnel;
10 requiring that Prince George's County staff a certain number of certain
11 personnel on certain medic units or ambulances; requiring Prince George's
12 County to adopt certain standards; authorizing the State Fire Marshal to
13 enforce certain requirements; and generally relating to the Prince George's
14 County Fire Department.

15 BY adding to
16 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
17 Section 7B
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

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

23 7B.

24 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY TRAINING AND
25 CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
26 FOR CAREER FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL AT ANY RANK SHALL APPLY TO ALL FIRE
27 FIGHTING PERSONNEL, RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL, AND PARAMEDICS EMPLOYED
28 BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1 (B) (1) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE
2 THAT AT LEAST FOUR QUALIFIED FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL, RESCUE SQUAD
3 PERSONNEL, OR PARAMEDICS STAFF ALL FIRE PUMPING ENGINES, AERIALS, AND
4 HEAVY RESCUE SQUADS.

5 (2) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY NOT OPERATE AND MAY NOT
6 DISPATCH ANY FIRE PUMPING ENGINE, AERIAL, OR HEAVY RESCUE SQUAD TO A
7 STRUCTURAL FIRE INCIDENT UNLESS STAFFED BY AT LEAST FOUR QUALIFIED FIRE
8 FIGHTING PERSONNEL, RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL, OR PARAMEDICS.

9 (C) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT
10 AT LEAST TWO STATE CERTIFIED RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL OR PARAMEDICS
11 STAFF A MEDICAL UNIT OR AMBULANCE THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADVANCED
12 LIFE SUPPORT WHEN ENGAGED IN PATIENT TRANSPORTATION.

13 (D) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL BY REFERENCE ADOPT, APPLY, AND
14 ENFORCE FOR CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL THE
15 FOLLOWING:

16 (1) RESPIRATORY PROTECTION STANDARD (29 CFR PART 1910.134);

17 (2) NFPA 500 - STANDARD ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OCCUPATIONAL
18 SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM (SECTION 3-11 THROUGH 1.4);

19 (3) NFPA 1410 - STANDARD ON TRAINING FOR INITIAL FIRE ATTACK;

20 (4) NFPA 1001 - STANDARD ON FIREFIGHTER PROFESSIONAL
21 QUALIFICATIONS;

22 (5) NFPA 1002 - STANDARD ON FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
23 DRIVER/OPERATOR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS; AND

24 (6) NFPA 1021 - STANDARD ON FIRE OFFICER PROFESSIONAL
25 QUALIFICATIONS.

26 (E) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
27 SECTION.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 1999.