
By: **Delegate Benson**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fire and Rescue Services - Local Government - Contracting with For-Profit**
3 **Entities**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain counties or municipal corporations from
5 contracting with certain for-profit entities for fire, emergency medical,
6 paramedic, or rescue services without the enactment of an ordinance or other
7 local law; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the
8 contracting with for-profit entities for fire, emergency medical, paramedic, or
9 rescue services.

10 BY adding to
11 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
12 Section 68
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

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

18 68.

19 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION
20 OR AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES PERFORMED BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE OR BY
21 ANY OTHER PROVIDER.

1 (B) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT COLLECTIVELY BARGAINS
2 WITH FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PARAMEDIC, AND RESCUE PERSONNEL
3 MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH A FOR-PROFIT ENTITY TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY'S OR
4 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S COMPLETE FIRE SUPPRESSION OR AMBULANCE AND
5 RESCUE SERVICES WITHOUT THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE OR OTHER LOCAL
6 LAW AUTHORIZING THE ACTION.

7 (C) THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
8 ENACT AN ORDINANCE OR OTHER LOCAL LAW UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
9 SECTION MAY NOT BE SATISFIED THROUGH THE ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL BUDGET
10 BILL.

11 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act may~~
12 ~~be construed to provide that the requirements of this Act may be accomplished by the~~
13 ~~enactment of a local budget bill.~~

14 ~~SECTION 3. 2.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
15 effect July 1, 1999.