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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

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Driver Responsibility and First Responders Fund Act

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the First Responders Fund; establishing that the

- 4 purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to political subdivisions to pay for
- 5 equipment and personnel for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services
- 6 entities and local law enforcement agencies; requiring the Secretary of State
- 7 Police Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to administer
- 8 the Fund; establishing the composition of the Fund; limiting the uses of the
- 9 Fund; providing for investment of money in the Fund; establishing a certain
- intent of the Fund; authorizing the Secretary Director to make grants from the
- Fund to political subdivisions to be used for fire, rescue, and emergency medical
- services entities and local law enforcement agencies in the political subdivision;
- establishing that grants from the Fund may be used for certain purposes;
- requiring the Secretary Director to establish certain procedures and guidelines;
- establishing that grants are for a certain duration and require certain matching
- funds; prohibiting a political subdivision from reducing money to fire, rescue,
- and emergency services entities or local law enforcement agencies because of
- money provided from the Fund; requiring a political subdivision that receives a
- grant to use the grant in accordance with certain terms and comply with certain
- 20 requirements; establishing the State Assistance for Police Protection Fund;
- 21 providing that the Fund is to be only used for the purpose of funding the State

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1		costs of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund; authorizing the Secretary of
2		Budget and Management to authorize the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter
3		into certain contracts for the procurement of collection services for certain fees
4		imposed under this Act; requiring a certain percentage of revenues from certain
5		fees to be deposited in the First Responders Fund, the Senator William H.
6		Amoss Fund, and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, and the balance to
7		be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund State Assistance for Police
8		Protection Fund; altering a certain definition to establish that certain fees
9		collected under this Act may not be altered by the Motor Vehicle Administration;
10		requiring an individual holding a driver's license to pay a certain fee annually
11		for each point over a certain number of points that is assessed against the
12		individual's driving record or if the individual has been convicted of certain
13		alcohol- or drug-related offenses; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to
14		send a notice to an individual subject to a fee under this Act a certain number of
15		days after a certain event; requiring the suspension of an individual's driver's
16		license unless the individual pays a fee under this Act except under certain
17		circumstances; authorizing the Administration to establish a certain schedule
18		for payment of fees charged under this Act; prohibiting the Administration from
19		suspending and requiring the Administration to renew an individual's driver's
20		license under certain circumstances; providing that a conviction includes a
21		probation before judgment for certain purposes; authorizing a licensee to prepay
22		<u>a certain fee;</u> authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations;
23		defining certain terms; and generally relating to the assessment of fees against
24		certain drivers and establishment of the First Responders Fund.
25	ΒV	adding to
26	DТ	Article - Public Safety
27		Section 4-401 to 4-403 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. First
28		Responders Fund" and 4-501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5.
29		State Assistance for Police Protection Fund"
30		Annotated Code of Maryland
31		(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)
		(1001 / 011111 100 / 20ff - 011111)
32	BY	repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
33		Article - Public Safety
34		Section 7-101(b)
35		Annotated Code of Maryland
36		(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)
37	вv	repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
38	<u>ו ע</u>	Article - State Finance and Procurement
39		Section 3-302
39 40		Annotated Code of Maryland
41		(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)
71		12001 Replacement volume and 2004 Supplement)

42 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 3 **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF SENATE BILL 275** 1 Article - Transportation Section 12-120(a) 2 3 Annotated Code of Maryland (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement) 4 5 BY adding to Article - Transportation 6 7 Section 16-1001 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Assessment of Fees" Annotated Code of Maryland 8 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement) 9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 10 11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 12 **Article - Public Safety** 13 SUBTITLE 4. FIRST RESPONDERS FUND. 14 4-401. IN THIS SECTION SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 15 (A) 16 MEANINGS INDICATED. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY 17 (B) 18 MANAGEMENT AGENCY. "FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITY" HAS 19 (B) (C) 20 THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-101 OF THIS ARTICLE. "FUND" MEANS THE FIRST RESPONDERS FUND. 21 (C) (D) 22 "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE POLICE (D) 23 DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL 24 (F) 25 CORPORATION OF THE STATE. 26 (F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE. 27 4-402.
- 28 (A) THERE IS A FIRST RESPONDERS FUND.
- 29 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO POLITICAL
- 30 SUBDIVISIONS TO PAY FOR EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FOR FIRE, RESCUE, OR
- 31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 32 AGENCIES.
- 33 (C) THE SECRETARY DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

- 1 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT 2 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.
- 3 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY AND THE 4 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.
- 5 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- 6 (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 16-1001 OF THE 7 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE:
- 8 (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;
- 9 (3) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND
- $10\,$ $\,$ (4) $\,$ ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE $11\,$ BENEFIT OF THE FUND.
- 12 (F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 13 FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY FOR GRANTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MADE
- 14 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- 15 (2) THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY MAY USE AN
- 16 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR TO ADMINISTER THE FUND.
- 17 (G) (1) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE 18 SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.
- 19 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO 20 THE FUND.
- 21 (H) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR EXPENSES OF FIRE, RESCUE, OR
- 22 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 23 AGENCIES IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
- 24 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR EXPENSES OF THE
- 25 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.
- 26 4-403.
- 27 (A) THE SECRETARY DIRECTOR MAY MAKE GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO
- 28 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO BE USED FOR FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
- 29 SERVICES ENTITIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE POLITICAL
- 30 SUBDIVISION.
- 31 (B) (1) GRANTS FROM THE FUND MAY BE USED:
- 32 (I) TO PURCHASE, REPLACE, OR IMPROVE EQUIPMENT OR
- 33 FACILITIES FOR FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES AND
- 34 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; OR

- **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF SENATE BILL 275** TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR FIRE, RESCUE, OR 1 (II)2 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT 3 AGENCIES. GRANTS FROM THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO PAY THE SALARIES (2) 5 OF EXISTING PERSONNEL. 6 (C) THE SECRETARY DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH: PROCEDURES FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS 8 FROM THE FUND ON BEHALF OF FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 9 ENTITIES AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE FUND 10 (2) 11 CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE. 12 THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO GRANTS MADE UNDER (D) (1) (I) 13 SUBSECTION (B)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE 14 (II)15 FUND IN THE FORM OF A 1-YEAR GRANT. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION RECEIVING MONEY FROM THE FUND 16 (III)17 SHALL PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT EOUAL TO AT LEAST 50% OF THE 18 AMOUNT OF THE GRANT. 19 (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO GRANTS MADE UNDER (2) 20 SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION. 21 (II)A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE 22 FUND IN THE FORM OF A 3-YEAR GRANT. 23 A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION RECEIVING MONEY FROM THE FUND (III) 24 SHALL PROVIDE: IN THE FIRST YEAR, MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT 25 1. 26 EQUAL TO AT LEAST 25% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT; IN THE SECOND YEAR, MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT 27 2. 28 EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT; AND 29 IN THE THIRD YEAR, MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT 3. 30 EQUAL TO AT LEAST 75% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT.
- A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF (3)
- 32 MONEY THAT A FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITY OR A
- 33 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
- 34 FROM THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BECAUSE OF MONEY PROVIDED FROM THE
- 35 FUND.

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- **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF SENATE BILL 275** (E) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THIS 1 2 SUBTITLE: MAY USE THE GRANT ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF 4 THE GRANT ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY DIRECTOR; AND SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING REPORTING 6 REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY DIRECTOR. 7 SUBTITLE 5. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND. 8 4-501. 9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE STATE ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE 10 PROTECTION FUND. 11 (B) THERE IS A STATE ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND. THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO DEDICATE CERTAIN STATE REVENUES 12 <u>(C)</u> 13 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING STATE ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL POLICE 14 PROTECTION. THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT 15 (D) (1) 16 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE. THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE 17 18 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND. 19 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF: 20 REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 16-1001(D)(4) OF THE (1) 21 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; AND 22 ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE (2) 23 BENEFIT OF THE FUND. 24 THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME 25 MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY IS INVESTED. THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY THE STATE'S COST OF THE STATE 26 27 AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND UNDER ARTICLE 41, TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE
- 28 CODE.
- 30 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET; OR (1)
- BY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 31

EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY ONLY BE MADE:

32 7-209 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

1	7-101.					
2	(b)	"Fire, re	scue, or emergency medical services entity" means:			
3		(1)	a governmental subdivision, by its appropriate designated authority;			
4 5	subdivision;	(2)	a board or fire commission of a fire department or governmental			
6		(3)	a fire department;			
7		(4)	a fire company;			
8		(5)	a rescue squad; or			
9 10	emergency r	(6) medical s	an emergency medical services unit, including an entity that provides ervices at any level.			
11			Article - State Finance and Procurement			
12	<u>3-302.</u>					
15	(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (D) of this section or in other law, the Central Collection Unit is responsible for the collection of each delinquent account or other debt that is owed to the State or any of its officials or units.					
19	debt for whi	ch the Ce	[An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN State government shall refer to the Central Collection Unit each entral Collection Unit has collection responsibility under this not settle the debt.			
	(3) For the purposes of this subtitle, a community college or board of trustees for a community college established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article is a unit of the State.					
	(b) Unless, with the approval of the Secretary, a unit of the State government assigns the claim to the Central Collection Unit, the Central Collection Unit is not responsible for and may not collect:					
27		<u>(1)</u>	any taxes;			
28 29	Code;	<u>(2)</u>	any child support payment that is owed under Article 88A, § 48 of the			
30		<u>(3)</u>	any unemployment insurance contribution or overpayment;			
31		<u>(4)</u>	any fine;			
32		<u>(5)</u>	any court costs;			

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1	(6) any forfeiture on bond;
	(7) any money that is owed as a result of a default on a loan that the Department of Business and Economic Development or the Department of Housing
4	and Community Development has made or insured; or
5 6	(8) any money that is owed under Title 9, Subtitles 2, 3, and 4 and Title 20 of the Insurance Article.
9	(c) The Central Collection Unit shall be responsible for the collection of each delinquent account or other debt that is owed to a community college established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article if the board of trustees for the community college:
11 12	(1) adopts a resolution appointing the Central Collection Unit as the collector of delinquent accounts or other debt; and
13	(2) <u>submits the resolution to the Central Collection Unit.</u>
14 15	(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO FEES IMPOSED UNDER § 16-1001 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.
18 19	(2) THE SECRETARY MAY AUTHORIZE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF COLLECTION SERVICES, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DEBTS OWED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, INSTEAD OF REQUIRING THE REFERRAL OF COLLECTIONS TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT.
21 22	(3) A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE.
23	Article - Transportation
24	<u>12-120.</u>
25 26	(a) In this section, "miscellaneous fees" means all fees collected by the Administration under this article other than:
27	(1) The vehicle titling tax; [and]
28 29	(2) Vehicle registration fees under Part II of Title 13, Subtitle 9 of this article; AND
30	(3) FEES COLLECTED UNDER § 16-1001 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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SUBTITLE 10. ASSESSMENT OF FEES.

- 2 16-1001.
- 3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CONVICTION" INCLUDES THE IMPOSITION OF A
- 4 PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT UNDER § 6 220 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
- 5 ARTICLE.
- 6 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ASSESS THE FOLLOWING FEES AGAINST A
 7 LICENSEE HOLDING A NONCOMMERCIAL CLASS A. B. C. D. E. OR M DRIVER'S LICENSE:
- 8 (1) FOR EACH POINT THAT A LICENSEE ACCUMULATES IF THE
- 9 <u>LICENSEE HAS ACCUMULATED MORE THAN 5 POINTS</u> ON THE LICENSEE'S DRIVING
- 10 RECORD, EXCLUDING POINTS ACCUMULATED FOR A CONVICTION UNDER § 21-902 OF
- 11 THIS ARTICLE, A FEE FOR EACH POINT THAT THE LICENSEE ACCUMULATES OVER 5
- 12 POINTS OF \$50 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE
- 13 POINT WAS ASSESSED;
- 14 (2) IF THE FOR EACH TIME A LICENSEE IS CONVICTED FOR A VIOLATION
- 15 OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT
- 16 WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 21-902 OF THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE,
- 17 A FEE OF \$600 \$300 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF
- 18 CONVICTION:
- 19 (3) IN ADDITION TO ANY FEE PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED UNDER ITEM (2) OF
- 20 THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE LICENSEE IS CONVICTED OF A SECOND VIOLATION OF §
- 21 21 902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION THAT WOULD
- 22 BE A VIOLATION OF § 21 902 OF THIS ARTICLE IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE
- 23 OF \$1,200 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION;
- 24 AND
- 25 (4) IN ADDITION TO ANY FEES PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED UNDER ITEMS (2)
- 26 AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE LICENSEE IS CONVICTED OF A THIRD OR
- 27 SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF § 21 902 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR AN OFFENSE IN ANOTHER
- 28 JURISDICTION THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 21 902 OF THIS ARTICLE IF
- 29 COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, A FEE OF \$1,800 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS
- 30 FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION.
- 31 (C) (B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND NOTICE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
- 32 OF THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER A CONVICTION IS
- 33 POSTED TO THE DRIVER'S RECORD THAT SUBJECTS THE INDIVIDUAL TO A FEE
- 34 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (A) OF THIS SECTION.
- 35 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 36 ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUSPEND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL
- 37 UNLESS ALL FEES REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (A) OF THIS SECTION ARE PAID
- 38 WITHIN A TIME PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.
- 39 (3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR
- 40 PAYMENT OF FEES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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- 1 (II) IF THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
 2 PARAGRAPH IS FOLLOWED, THE ADMINISTRATION:

 1. MAY NOT SUSPEND AN INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE FOR
 4 NONPAYMENT OF THE FEES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (A) OF THIS SECTION;
- 6 2. SHALL REINSTATE A LICENSE THAT WAS SUSPENDED FOR 7 FAILURE TO PAY THE FEES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (A) OF THIS SECTION.
- 8 (III) A LICENSEE MAY PREPAY AT ANY TIME THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
 9 FEES THAT WILL BE DUE OVER THE 3-YEAR PERIOD SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)
 10 OF THIS SECTION.
- 11 (D) (C) THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM FEES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION 12 (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:
- 13 (1) 25% 15% TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER 14 TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; AND
- 15 (2) 5% TO THE SENATOR WILLIAM H. AMOSS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER 16 TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE;
- 17 (3) 5% TO THE VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND ESTABLISHED
 18 UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; AND
- 19 (2) (4) THE BALANCE TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND STATE 20 ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND.
- 21 (E) (D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT 22 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 24 October 1, 2005.