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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety Employees - Duty to Help, Protect, or Rescue**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the legal duty of a 9-1-1 dispatcher to help, protect,
4 or rescue an individual being abducted, assaulted, or murdered under certain
5 circumstances.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Public Safety

8 Section 1-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Duties of Public Safety
9 Employees"

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Public Safety**

15 **SUBTITLE 4. DUTIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.**

16 1-401.

17 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A 9-1-1 DISPATCHER HAS
18 A LEGAL DUTY TO HELP, PROTECT, OR RESCUE AN INDIVIDUAL BEING ABDUCTED,
19 ASSAULTED, OR MURDERED IF THE INDIVIDUAL, OR ANOTHER ON BEHALF OF THE
20 INDIVIDUAL, INDICATES TO THE 9-1-1 DISPATCHER THAT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS
21 HELP, PROTECTION, OR RESCUE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

23 October 1, 2006.