

HOUSE BILL 689

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain emergency responders and certain law
4 enforcement officers may be a party to the Maryland Emergency Management
5 Assistance Compact, under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and
6 generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance
7 Compact.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 14–801 and 14–802
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 14–801.

17 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (b) “Authorized representative” means an employee of a local jurisdiction
19 authorized by the senior elected official of that jurisdiction to request, offer, or provide
20 assistance under the terms of the compact.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Compact" means the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance
2 Compact.

3 (D) **"EMERGENCY RESPONDER" MEANS A:**

4 (1) **CAREER OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITHIN THIS STATE;**

5 (2) **CAREER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
6 **PROVIDER WITHIN THIS STATE AS DEFINED IN § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION**
7 **ARTICLE; OR**

8 (3) **CAREER OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER WITHIN**
9 **THIS STATE.**

10 [(d)](E) "Jurisdictions" means the 23 counties within Maryland, Baltimore
11 City, and Ocean City.

12 (F) **"LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
13 **3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

14 [(e)] (G) "Senior elected official" means:

15 (1) The Mayor;

16 (2) The County Executive; or

17 (3) For a county that does not have a county executive, the president
18 of the board of county commissioners or county council or other chief executive officer
19 of the county.

20 14-802.

21 The Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact is entered into
22 with:

23 (1) [all] **ALL** other jurisdictions that adopt the Compact in a form
24 substantially similar to the Compact set forth in this subtitle; **AND**

25 (2) **EACH EMERGENCY RESPONDER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT**
26 **OFFICER ORGANIZATION, IF:**

1 **(I) THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES WRITTEN CONSENT TO**
2 **BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT TO THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIAL**
3 **OF THE COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND**

4 **(II) THE WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH**
5 **(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL**
6 **GOVERNING BODY.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2007.