

HOUSE BILL 689

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

5 (c) “Compact” means the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance
6 Compact.

7 (D) **“EMERGENCY RESPONDER” MEANS A:**

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

9 (2) **CAREER OR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
10 **PROVIDER WITHIN THIS STATE AS DEFINED IN § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION**
11 **ARTICLE; ~~OR~~**

12 (3) **CAREER OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER WITHIN**
13 **THIS STATE; OR**

14 (4) **COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO:**

15 (I) **IS SENT BY A PARTY JURISDICTION IN RESPONSE TO A**
16 **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ANOTHER PARTY JURISDICTION; AND**

17 (II) **IS PERFORMING AN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION**
18 **DESCRIBED IN § 14-803(2)(B)(5)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

19 [(d)] (E) “Jurisdictions” means the 23 counties within Maryland, Baltimore
20 City, and Ocean City.

21 (F) **“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
22 **3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

23 [(e)] (G) “Senior elected official” means:

24 (1) The Mayor;

25 (2) The County Executive; or

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

4 14-802.

5 The Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact is entered into
6 with:

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

9 (2) EACH EMERGENCY RESPONDER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 OFFICER ORGANIZATION, IF:

11 (I) THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES WRITTEN CONSENT TO
12 BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT TO THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIAL
13 OF THE COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND

14 (II) THE WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH
15 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL
16 GOVERNING BODY.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.