

# HOUSE BILL 1078

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By: **Delegate Conway**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland State Firemen’s Association – Uses**  
3 **of Appropriation**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which the Maryland State Firemen’s  
5 Association may use money appropriated in the State budget; and generally  
6 relating to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Public Safety  
9 Section 8–205  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Volume and 2006 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 8–205.

16 (a) After consultation with the Association, the Governor may include in the  
17 State budget each year an amount for the purposes set forth in subsection (b) of this  
18 section.

19 (b) The Association may use money appropriated under subsection (a) of this  
20 section to:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) formulate, publish, and distribute the fire laws of Maryland AND  
2 **OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS, LAWS, GUIDELINES, AND**  
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS;**

4 (2) formulate, publish, and distribute an annual report and monthly or  
5 other timely bulletins and reports;

6 (3) [publish and distribute fire prevention material] **PURCHASE,**  
7 **PUBLISH, AND DISTRIBUTE FIRE PREVENTION, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND**  
8 **SAFETY EDUCATION MATERIALS AND SPONSOR SEMINARS AND OTHER PUBLIC**  
9 **FORUMS TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND**  
10 **RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;**

11 (4) [keep] **MAINTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE** records that relate to the  
12 annual inspections of fire and rescue equipment and facilities; [and]

13 (5) establish and maintain a database on manpower availability and  
14 training, operational cost, equipment availability, response time, State and local  
15 financial support, and other relevant factors in providing fire and rescue services;

16 (6) **MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS,**  
17 **AND MEETING ATTENDANCE IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT DISSEMINATE TRAINING**  
18 **AND EDUCATION AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY**  
19 **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS AND REPRESENT THEIR**  
20 **INTERESTS ON A STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL;**

21 (7) **PROVIDE FUEL, INSURANCE, AND MAINTENANCE TO VEHICLES**  
22 **OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND USED IN REPRESENTING THE**  
23 **VOLUNTEERS AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE;**

24 (8) **PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INCLUDING ACCOUNTING,**  
25 **AUDITING, AND LEGAL CONSULTATION AND OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED**  
26 **WITH THE OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

27 (9) **PROMOTE, DISSEMINATE, AND ADVOCATE PROGRAMS AND**  
28 **SERVICES THAT PERTAIN TO IMPROVING THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND**  
29 **WELLBEING OF FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

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