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By: **Senator Dyson**

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CHAPTER _____

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; altering the
6 purposes for which the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used for a
7 certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Maryland State Firemen’s
8 Association.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 8–205
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 8–205.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (6) **MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS,**
22 **AND MEETING ATTENDANCE IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT DISSEMINATE TRAINING**
23 **AND EDUCATION AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY**
24 **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS AND REPRESENT THEIR**
25 **INTERESTS ON A STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL;**

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

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

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
 5 provisions of law, in fiscal year 2008, the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund
 6 established under § 8-202 of the Public Safety Article may be used for the purpose of
 7 providing grants to the Maryland State Firemen’s Association for administrative
 8 expenses and grants to widows and orphans.

9 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
 10 effect July 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.