

CHAPTER 620

(House Bill 689)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – Emergency Responders

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain emergency responders and certain law enforcement officers may be a party to~~ defining the term “emergency responder” for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact, under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; including in the defined term certain firefighters, certain emergency medical services providers, certain rescue squad members, certain county employees, and certain law enforcement officers; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–801 ~~and 14–802~~
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

14–801.

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

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

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

(D) **(1) “EMERGENCY RESPONDER” MEANS ~~A:~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SENT OR DIRECTED BY A PARTY JURISDICTION IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ANOTHER PARTY JURISDICTION.**

(2) “EMERGENCY RESPONDER” INCLUDES A:

~~(1)~~ (I) CAREER OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITHIN THIS STATE;

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

~~(3)~~ (III) CAREER OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER WITHIN THIS STATE; ~~OR~~

~~(4)~~ COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO:

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

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

(IV) COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO IS PERFORMING AN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION DESCRIBED IN § 14-803(2)(B)(5)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(V) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED IN § 3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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

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

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

14-802.

The Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact is entered into with:

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

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

~~(i) THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES WRITTEN CONSENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT TO THE SENIOR ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE COUNTY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND~~

~~(ii) THE WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.