

HOUSE BILL 1047

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By: **Delegate Malone**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County and Howard County – Career Firefighters – Annual**
3 **Physical**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring career firefighters who work at fire stations in Baltimore
5 County or Howard County to pass a certain examination each year as required
6 by the State Fire Marshal.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 6–305
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2007 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 6–305.

16 (a) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce:

17 (1) all laws of the State that relate to:

18 (i) the prevention of fire;

19 (ii) the storage, sale, and use of explosives, combustibles, or
20 other dangerous articles, in solid, liquid, or gaseous form;

21 (iii) the installation and maintenance of all kinds of equipment
22 intended to control, detect, or extinguish fire;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) the means and adequacy of exit, in case of fire, from
2 buildings and all other places in which individuals work, live, or congregate, except
3 buildings that are used solely as dwelling houses for no more than two families; and

4 (v) the suppression of arson; and

5 (2) the regulations adopted by the Commission under Subtitle 2 of this
6 title.

7 (b) By delegation of authority vested in the Commission and within policy
8 established by the Commission, the State Fire Marshal shall implement fire safety
9 programs in the State to minimize fire hazards and disasters and loss of life and
10 property from these causes, including:

11 (1) the establishment and enforcement of fire safety practices
12 throughout the State;

13 (2) preventive inspection and correction activities;

14 (3) coordination of fire safety programs with volunteer and career fire
15 companies and other State agencies and political subdivisions exercising enforcement
16 aspects; and

17 (4) critical analysis and evaluation of State fire loss statistics to
18 determine problems and solutions.

19 (c) On request, the State Fire Marshal shall assist in fire prevention
20 matters:

21 (1) a chief of a fire company or department;

22 (2) a legally designated fire marshal of a county or municipal
23 corporation; or

24 (3) a unit or agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation.

25 (d) (1) The State Fire Marshal, assistant State fire marshals, and special
26 assistant State fire marshals shall develop for each property owned or leased by the
27 State:

28 (i) fire safety procedures, including fire drills at least quarterly;
29 and

30 (ii) emergency evacuation procedures.

31 (2) Information about fire safety and emergency evacuation
32 procedures shall be available to all State employees on request.

1 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall require the State unit exercising
2 control over the property owned or leased by the State to keep records of fire drills or
3 other exercises that relate to fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures
4 conducted in the property.

5 (e) The State Fire Marshal may issue permits and licenses as required under
6 this article.

7 (f) On request, the State Fire Marshal may assist police and fire authorities
8 to dispose of hazardous devices and substances.

9 **(G) A CAREER FIREFIGHTER WHO WORKS AT A FIRE STATION IN**
10 **BALTIMORE COUNTY OR HOWARD COUNTY SHALL PASS A PHYSICAL**
11 **EXAMINATION EACH YEAR AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2008.