

# HOUSE BILL 1622

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee and Delegate Malone**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Firemen's Association – Uses of Volunteer Company**  
3 **Assistance Fund and Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the money in the Maryland Emergency Medical  
5 System Operations Fund shall be used for certain expenses of the Maryland  
6 State Firemen's Association; and providing that for fiscal year 2009 the  
7 Volunteer Company Assistance Fund may be used to provide grants to the  
8 Maryland State Firemen's Association for certain purposes.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 13–955  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007  
16 Section 2

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Chapter 180 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007  
19 Section 2

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 13–955.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Maryland Emergency Medical System  
2 Operations Fund.

3 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

4 (2) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §  
5 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 (3) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted  
7 for and credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6-226(a) of the State Finance  
8 and Procurement Article.

9 (c) The Fund consists of:

10 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13-954 of this subtitle;  
11 and

12 (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and  
13 interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of  
14 this section that is a unit of State government.

15 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation  
16 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget  
17 amendment procedure provided under § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement  
18 Article, provided that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by  
19 the Legislative Policy Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

20 (e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

21 (1) Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police,  
22 Special Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

23 (2) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

24 (3) The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of  
25 Maryland Medical System;

26 (4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

27 (5) The provision of grants under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire,  
28 Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 1 of  
29 the Public Safety Article; [and]

30 (6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the  
31 provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article; **AND**

1                   **(7) SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**  
2 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.**

3                                   **Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2007**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any  
5 provisions of law, in fiscal [year] **YEARS 2008 AND 2009** the Volunteer Company  
6 Assistance Fund established under § 8-202 of the Public Safety Article may be used  
7 for the purpose of providing grants to the Maryland State Firemen's Association for  
8 administrative expenses and grants to widows and orphans.

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15          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2008.