

# SENATE BILL 178

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Emergency Number Systems Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Emergency Number Systems  
4 Board to include a representative of geographical information systems in the  
5 State and an additional representative of emergency management services; and  
6 generally relating to the Emergency Number Systems Board.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Public Safety  
9 Section 1–305  
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 1–305.

16 (a) There is an Emergency Number Systems Board in the Department of  
17 Public Safety and Correctional Services.

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**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 (b) (1) The Board consists of [15] **17** members.

2 (2) Of the [15] **17** members:

3 (i) one member shall represent a telephone company operating  
4 in the State;

5 (ii) one member shall represent the wireless telephone industry  
6 in the State;

7 (iii) one member shall represent the Maryland Institute for  
8 Emergency Medical Services Systems;

9 (iv) one member shall represent the Department of State Police;

10 (v) one member shall represent the Public Service Commission;

11 (vi) one member shall represent the Association of Public-Safety  
12 Communications Officials International, Inc.;

13 (vii) two members shall represent county fire services in the  
14 State, with one member representing career fire services and one member  
15 representing volunteer fire services;

16 (viii) one member shall represent police services in the State;

17 (ix) [one member] **TWO MEMBERS** shall represent emergency  
18 management services in the State;

19 (x) one member shall represent a county with a population of  
20 200,000 or more;

21 (xi) one member shall represent a county with a population of  
22 less than 200,000;

23 (xii) one member shall represent the Maryland chapter of the  
24 National Emergency Numbers Association; [and]

25 **(XIII) ONE MEMBER SHALL REPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHICAL**  
26 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN THE STATE; AND**

27 [(xiii)] **(XIV)** two members shall represent the public.

28 (3) The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice and  
29 consent of the Senate.

30 (c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years and begins on July 1.

1 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms  
2 provided for members of the Board on October 1, 2003.

3 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor  
4 is appointed and qualifies.

5 (4) If a vacancy occurs after a term has begun, the Governor shall  
6 appoint a successor to represent the organization or group in which the vacancy  
7 occurs.

8 (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
9 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

10 (d) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the Board  
11 members.

12 (e) The Board shall meet as necessary, but at least once each quarter.

13 (f) A member of the Board:

14 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

15 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
16 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 (g) The Secretary shall provide staff to the Board, including:

18 (1) a coordinator who is responsible for the daily operation of the office  
19 of the Board; and

20 (2) staff to handle the increased duties related to wireless enhanced  
21 9-1-1 service.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.