

SENATE BILL 810

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund –**
3 **Transport by Privately Owned Helicopter**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that an operator of a privately owned helicopter be
5 reimbursed from the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund for
6 costs incurred in transporting individuals for emergency medical treatment;
7 adding reimbursement of operators of privately owned helicopters for costs of
8 emergency medical transport as an authorized use of money in the Fund; and
9 generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations
10 Fund.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 13–955
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 13–955.

20 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Emergency Medical System
21 Operations Fund.

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

23 (2) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §
24 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (c) The Fund consists of:

5 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13–954 of this subtitle;
6 and

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

10 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation
11 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget
12 amendment procedure provided under § 7–209 of the State Finance and Procurement
13 Article, provided that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by
14 the Legislative Policy Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

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

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

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

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

21 (4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

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

25 **(6) REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATORS OF PRIVATELY OWNED**
26 **HELICOPTERS FOR COSTS OF TRANSPORTING INDIVIDUALS FOR EMERGENCY**
27 **MEDICAL TREATMENT; AND**

28 **[(6)] (7)** The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with
29 the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

30 **(F) AN OPERATOR OF A PRIVATELY OWNED HELICOPTER SHALL BE**
31 **REIMBURSED FROM THE FUND FOR COSTS INCURRED IN TRANSPORTING**
32 **INDIVIDUALS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT.**

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