

## CHAPTER 21

(Senate Bill 178)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 1–305  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Public Safety**

1–305.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) A member of the Board:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.**