

# HOUSE BILL 953

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**Anne Arundel County Delegation**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services in Anne Arundel County -**  
3 **Agreements with Federal Government - Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that, in Anne Arundel County, any agreement entered  
5 into under a certain provision of law between a fire, rescue, or emergency  
6 medical services entity and the federal government to provide fire fighting or  
7 rescue activities on certain property shall include a provision that entitles the  
8 fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity to obtain a certain  
9 reimbursement from the appropriate federal authority; and generally relating to  
10 agreements between the federal government and fire, rescue, and emergency  
11 medical services entities in Anne Arundel County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Public Safety  
14 Section 7-104  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Public Safety**

20 7-104.

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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 (a) A fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity may enter into an  
2 agreement with the federal government in accordance with this section to provide fire  
3 fighting or rescue activities on property under the jurisdiction of the United States.

4 (b) An agreement entered into under this section shall be limited to the  
5 provision of fire fighting or rescue equipment and personnel or both.

6 (c) An agreement entered into under this section shall include:

7 (1) a waiver by each party of any claim against any other party for  
8 compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death that occurs in the  
9 performance of the agreement;

10 (2) a provision to indemnify and hold harmless each party to the  
11 agreement from any claim by a third party for property damage or personal injury,  
12 within the limitations permitted by federal law, that arise out of the activities of each  
13 party to the agreement; and

14 (3) [except in Anne Arundel County,] a provision that entitles the fire,  
15 rescue, or emergency medical services entity to obtain reimbursement from the  
16 appropriate federal authority for all or part of the cost of providing fire protection on  
17 property under the jurisdiction of the United States in accordance with federal law.

18 (d) If an individual engaging in an activity authorized under this section  
19 sustains an injury that arises out of the activity, the individual is entitled to any or all  
20 benefits available under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act as the primary  
21 remedy for reimbursement of expenses for medical bills, loss of earnings, and  
22 disability that arises under or as a result of this section.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.