

CHAPTER 159

(House Bill 953)

AN ACT concerning

Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services in Anne Arundel County – Agreements with Federal Government – Reimbursement

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 7–104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

7–104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.