

# HOUSE BILL 1398

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Haynes, Carter, Conaway, Glenn, Hammen, Harrison, Kirk, McHale, Oaks, Robinson, Rosenberg, Stukes, and Tarrant**  
Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2010  
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study on Number and Placement of Fire Stations in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Mayor  
4 of Baltimore City and the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, to study  
5 and make findings and recommendations on the appropriate number and  
6 placement of fire stations in Baltimore City on or before a certain date;  
7 requiring the State Fire Marshal to consider certain factors; requiring the State  
8 Fire Marshal to report to the Governor, the Mayor and City Council of  
9 Baltimore, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the General  
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure;  
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study on  
12 the number and placement of fire stations in Baltimore City.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) Within 30 days after the enactment of this Act, in consultation with the  
16 Mayor of Baltimore City and the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the  
17 State Fire Marshal shall study and make findings and recommendations on the  
18 appropriate number and placement of fire stations in Baltimore City.

19 (b) In completing the study, the State Fire Marshal shall consider:

20 (1) population demographics within Baltimore City;

21 (2) average response times for fires and other emergencies responded  
22 to by fire and emergency services personnel; and

23 (3) any increased need for fire and emergency services due to the  
24 location of:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) hospitals;
- 2 (ii) senior high-rise residences; and
- 3 (iii) vacant or abandoned buildings.

4 (c) Within 60 days after the enactment of this Act, the State Fire Marshal  
5 shall report to the Governor, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Chief of the  
6 Baltimore City Fire Department, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
7 Government Article, the General Assembly on the findings and recommendations of  
8 the study conducted in accordance with this Act.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
11 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
12 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
13 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through December 31, 2010, and, at the  
14 end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
15 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.