

HOUSE BILL 1538

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By: **Delegates Olszewski and Weir**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2010

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firehouses – New Construction or Major Renovation – Fire Sprinkler**
3 **Systems and Fire Suppression Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a county to install a fire sprinkler system when
5 constructing a new firehouse or conducting a major renovation of an existing
6 firehouse; requiring a county to conduct a feasibility study on or before a certain
7 date on the installation of fire sprinkler systems or other fire suppression
8 systems in existing firehouses; requiring each county and Baltimore City to
9 report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
10 relating to the installation of fire sprinkler systems or other fire suppression
11 systems in firehouses.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
14 Section 22–101 to be under the new title “Title 22. Firehouses”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

20 **TITLE 22. FIREHOUSES.**

21 **22–101.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) WHEN A COUNTY CONSTRUCTS A NEW FIREHOUSE OR CONDUCTS A**
2 **MAJOR RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING FIREHOUSE, THE COUNTY SHALL INSTALL**
3 **IN THE FIREHOUSE A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.**

4 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012, EACH COUNTY SHALL CONDUCT A**
5 **STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM OR**
6 **OTHER FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IN EXISTING FIREHOUSES.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,
8 2012, each county and Baltimore City shall report to the General Assembly, in
9 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of the
10 feasibility study conducted in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2010.