

HOUSE BILL 1193

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Volunteer Company Assistance Fund – Reporting Requirements – Military**
3 **Department**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition to require the Military Department,
5 instead of the Department of Budget and Management, to receive and review
6 certain information from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and provide
7 a certain annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly; and
8 generally relating to the certain reports on the Volunteer Company Assistance
9 Fund.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 8–201
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Public Safety
17 Section 8–206
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Public Safety**

23 8–201.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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



1 (b) “Association” means the Maryland State Firemen’s Association.

2 (c) “Department” means the **MILITARY** Department [of Budget and
3 Management].

4 (d) “Fund” means the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund.

5 (e) “Volunteer company” means a volunteer ambulance, fire, or rescue
6 company:

7 (1) located in the State; or

8 (2) located outside the State if the company:

9 (i) has been a member of the Association for at least the past 10
10 years; and

11 (ii) has a first due response area in the State.

12 8–206.

13 (a) On or before August 30 of each fiscal year, the Association shall submit to
14 the Department, the Legislative Auditor, and to the Board of Public Works an annual
15 report that includes:

16 (1) the number and total amount of grants and the number and total
17 amount of loans made in the previous fiscal year;

18 (2) for each grant or loan made:

19 (i) the volunteer company that received the grant or loan;

20 (ii) the amount of the grant or loan; and

21 (iii) the specific purpose of making the grant or loan;

22 (3) for each volunteer company that received a grant or loan:

23 (i) the financial statement of the volunteer company for the
24 previous fiscal year or the year in which the grant or loan was received, whichever is
25 available; and

26 (ii) documentation of the volunteer company’s actual
27 expenditures from the grant or loan;

1 (4) for each loan made, the terms of the loan, including origination
2 date, loan term, payment terms, payment amount, payments made to date,
3 outstanding balance, and loan status; and

4 (5) summary listings of grants and loans made during the previous
5 fiscal year and outstanding loans, by county.

6 (b) The Department shall:

7 (1) review the documentation submitted in accordance with subsection
8 (a) of this section on an annual basis to determine if each grant or loan was spent in
9 accordance with this subtitle and the request approved by the Board of Public Works;
10 and

11 (2) report the findings to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
12 and the House Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

13 (c) The Legislative Auditor may:

14 (1) review the documentation submitted in accordance with subsection
15 (a) of this section to determine if each grant or loan was spent in accordance with this
16 subtitle and the requests approved by the Board of Public Works; and

17 (2) report the findings to the Department and, subject to § 2-1246 of
18 the State Government Article, to the Joint Audit Committee of the General Assembly.

19 (d) The Comptroller may audit the financial affairs of the Association to
20 ensure compliance with this subtitle.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2011.