

# HOUSE BILL 437

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CF SB 88

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By: **Delegate Malone**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local States of Emergency – Time Period – Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain time period that a local state of emergency may  
4 continue or be renewed without the consent of the local governing body; and  
5 generally relating to declarations of local states of emergency.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 14–111  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2003 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 14–111.

15 (a) Only the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare  
16 a local state of emergency.

17 (b) (1) Except with the consent of the governing body of the political  
18 subdivision, a local state of emergency may not continue or be renewed for longer than  
19 **[7] 30** days.

20 (2) An order or proclamation that declares, continues, or terminates a  
21 local state of emergency shall be:

22 (i) given prompt and general publicity; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (ii) filed promptly with the chief local records-keeping agency.

2           (c) Declaration of a local state of emergency:

3                   (1) activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local  
4 state of emergency plan; and

5                   (2) authorizes the provision of aid and assistance under the applicable  
6 plan.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2012.