

# HOUSE BILL 562

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2012

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Volunteer Fire and Rescue**  
3 **Companies – Reimbursement of Costs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to  
5 establish, by resolution or ordinance, a system of fees under which a volunteer  
6 fire department, rescue squad, or ambulance company in the county may charge  
7 for services rendered at an emergency fire or rescue incident under certain  
8 circumstances; authorizing a resolution or ordinance adopted under this Act to  
9 provide for the reimbursement of certain reasonable costs under certain  
10 circumstances; and generally relating to the reimbursement of costs by  
11 volunteer fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 7–404  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **7–404.**

21 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

22 **(B) BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**  
23 **WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF FEES UNDER WHICH A**  
24 **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, OR AMBULANCE COMPANY IN**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE COUNTY MAY CHARGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED AT AN EMERGENCY FIRE  
2 OR RESCUE INCIDENT TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF  
3 PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

4 (C) A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY  
5 PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT, INCLUDING FROM AN INSURER, OF  
6 REASONABLE COSTS FOR EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, OR CONSUMABLE  
7 PRODUCTS USED BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, OR  
8 AMBULANCE COMPANY AT AN EMERGENCY FIRE OR RESCUE INCIDENT.

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