

# Chapter 172

(Senate Bill 88)

AN ACT concerning

## Local States of Emergency – Time Period – Extension

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

### Article – Public Safety

14–111.

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

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

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

(i) given prompt and general publicity; and

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

(c) Declaration of a local state of emergency:

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**