Chapter 311

(House Bill 1001)

AN ACT concerning

Public Library – Essential Community Service – Designation

FOR the purpose of designating public libraries as providing essential community services during an emergency for certain purposes; and generally relating to public libraries.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety Section 14–110.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Public Safety

14-110.2.

A PUBLIC LIBRARY SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DURING AN EMERGENCY AS DESCRIBED UNDER THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVISIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND TEMPORARY RELOCATION FACILITIES.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.