

SENATE BILL 591

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CF HB 758

By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Payment to Rescue Squads – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing from the Public Local Laws of Garrett County certain
4 provisions of law relating to certain payments to rescue squads by the Board of
5 County Commissioners of Garrett County; and generally relating to the payment of
6 rescue squads in Garrett County.

7 BY repealing

8 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County

9 Section 35.05

10 Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

11 (2005 Edition and September 2015 Supplement, as amended)

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

14 **Article 12 – Garrett County**

15 **[35.05.**

16 (A) In this section, RESCUE SQUAD means a voluntary, nonprofit entity that
17 provides pre-hospital emergency services and patient transport.

18 (B) (1) The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County shall
19 appropriate and pay to rescue squads in the county a total amount per year of up to \$0.008
20 per hundred dollars on the assessable real property in Garrett County other than operating
21 real property of a public utility and up to \$0.02 per hundred dollars on the assessable
22 personal property and operating real property of a public utility.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County shall make the
2 payments twice a year in December and June.

3 (3) The payments to each rescue squad shall be equivalent.

4 (C) A rescue squad shall use the funds for:

5 (1) The purchase, maintenance and repair of rescue apparatus and
6 equipment;

7 (2) The construction, maintenance, or repair of facilities and grounds
8 necessary for:

9 (a) Emergency medical service purposes;

10 (b) Hosting community events;

11 (c) Providing emergency shelter; or

12 (d) Enhancing fund-raising or operations capability;

13 (3) The promotion, retention, or recruitment of membership; or

14 (4) Other special expenditures, including hardships or other extenuating
15 circumstances that have:

16 (a) The prior approval of the Garrett County Emergency Services
17 Board; and

18 (b) Consideration of recommendations from the Garrett County Fire
19 and Rescue Association.

20 (D) The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County may reserve the right
21 to withhold any or all of the funds from a rescue squad that fails to meet all standards and
22 policies recommended by the Garrett County Emergency Services Board to the Board of
23 County Commissioners.

24 (E) A rescue squad receiving funding under this section shall file annually signed
25 copies of federal Form 990 and Form 990 Schedule A, including receipt and disbursement
26 of funds received under this chapter with the Board of County Commissioners. A rescue
27 squad may not file federal Form 990 EZ with the County Commissioners under this section.
28 If the Internal Revenue Service changes, amends, or replaces Form 990 and Form 990
29 Schedule A with a report that is to be filed annually, a fully executed copy of that report
30 with all corresponding schedules shall be filed with the County Commissioners.】

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2017.