

HOUSE BILL 944

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By: **Delegates Shoemaker and Rose**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **First Responders – Mandatory Autism Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each first responder in the State to complete autism
4 awareness training approved by the Maryland Police Training and Standards
5 Commission; defining a certain term; and generally relating to mandatory autism
6 training for first responders.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 7–404

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **7–404.**

16 (A) **“FIRST RESPONDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED OR**
17 **CERTIFIED UNDER § 13–516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

18 (B) **EACH FIRST RESPONDER IN THE STATE SHALL COMPLETE AUTISM**
19 **AWARENESS TRAINING APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND**
20 **STANDARDS COMMISSION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2018.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

