

# HOUSE BILL 984

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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to distribute  
4 certain funds to rescue and emergency medical services companies in addition to fire  
5 companies, subject to a certain plan; authorizing the County Commissioners to  
6 award certain service award payments to members of rescue and emergency medical  
7 services companies in addition to fire companies; authorizing the County  
8 Commissioners to create an entity or body to administer certain affairs relating to  
9 volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services companies; requiring the  
10 County Commissioners under certain circumstances to establish an Emergency  
11 Services Advisory Council for a certain purpose; making a technical correction;  
12 making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
13 volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in Carroll County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County  
16 Section 3–206  
17 Article 7 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
18 (2014 Edition and February 2017 Supplement, as amended)

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

21 **Article 7 – Carroll County**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 3-206.

2 (a) IN THIS SECTION, “EMERGENCY RESPONDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL  
3 WHO IS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY  
4 MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANY.

5 (B) The County Commissioners of Carroll County shall annually levy and collect  
6 from the assessable property in Carroll County, as other taxes are levied and collected, a  
7 sum of money that is needed for the County Commissioners to distribute and pay to the  
8 volunteer fire, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES companies, except as  
9 noted in subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, in the County for the support, maintenance,  
10 equipment (including ambulances) and operation of the volunteer fire, RESCUE, AND  
11 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES companies. The sum of money authorized by this  
12 section shall be proportioned and distributed among the volunteer fire, RESCUE, AND  
13 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES companies pursuant to a plan adopted by the executive  
14 committee of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association and approved  
15 by the County Commissioners.

16 [(b)] (C) The County Commissioners shall provide service award payments from  
17 a special fund to eligible volunteer [firemen] EMERGENCY RESPONDERS as certified by  
18 the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association. The special fund shall be  
19 established as an endowment. The payments shall be made to those individuals who have  
20 met the adopted plan requirements as approved by the County Commissioners. The service  
21 award payments may be made monthly by the County directly to eligible recipients.

22 [(c)] (D) The provisions of [Article 95] TITLE 17 OF THE LOCAL  
23 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any other law that limits  
24 the type of investments that may be made of County funds or that limits or places  
25 conditions on the deposit of County funds do not apply to the deposit and investment of  
26 money into the special fund under subsection [(b)] (C) of this section.

27 (E) (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE OR CREATE AN  
28 ENTITY OR BODY WITH THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE COUNTY’S AFFAIRS  
29 RELATING TO FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED  
30 ACTIVITIES WHILE MAINTAINING THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE  
31 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT ORDINANCES AND OTHER  
32 MEASURES NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY AND APPROPRIATELY MANAGE, DIRECT,  
33 AND REGULATE FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

34 (2) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE OR CREATE AN  
35 ENTITY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY  
36 COMMISSIONERS SHALL ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY  
37 COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THE CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH  
38 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF FIRE SUPPRESSION,  
39 EMERGENCY MEDICAL, AND HAZ-MAT SERVICES IN CARROLL COUNTY.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.