

Chapter 421

(House Bill 930)

AN ACT concerning

Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Property Acquisition and Construction of Facilities

FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements regarding the location of land that may be acquired by the State under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund; authorizing the use of the Fund for certain construction; and generally relating to the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 8–102(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 8–102(f)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

8–102.

- (a) There is a Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.
- (b) The purposes of the Fund are to promote:
 - (1) the delivery of effective and high quality fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services in the State;
 - (2) increased financial support for fire, rescue, and ambulance companies by counties; and
 - (3) the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies given the greatly increased costs of equipment.

- (f) (1) State money provided under this section may only be used to:
- (i) acquire or rehabilitate fire or rescue equipment, including ambulances;
 - (ii) acquire or rehabilitate capital equipment used in connection with fire or rescue equipment;
 - (iii) rehabilitate facilities used primarily to house fire fighting equipment, ambulances, and rescue vehicles;
 - (iv) install life safety and fire protection systems at a fire, a rescue, or an ambulance facility;
 - (v) acquire land [that is adjacent to an existing fire, rescue, or ambulance facility] for the purpose of [rehabilitating that] **REHABILITATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE, A RESCUE, OR AN AMBULANCE** facility;
 - (vi) acquire wireless telecommunications devices, computers, and related computer equipment if used exclusively for fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services; and
 - (vii) acquire machinery and equipment if used exclusively for fire protection, rescue, and ambulance services.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2022.