## **SENATE BILL 935**

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By: Senator Ready

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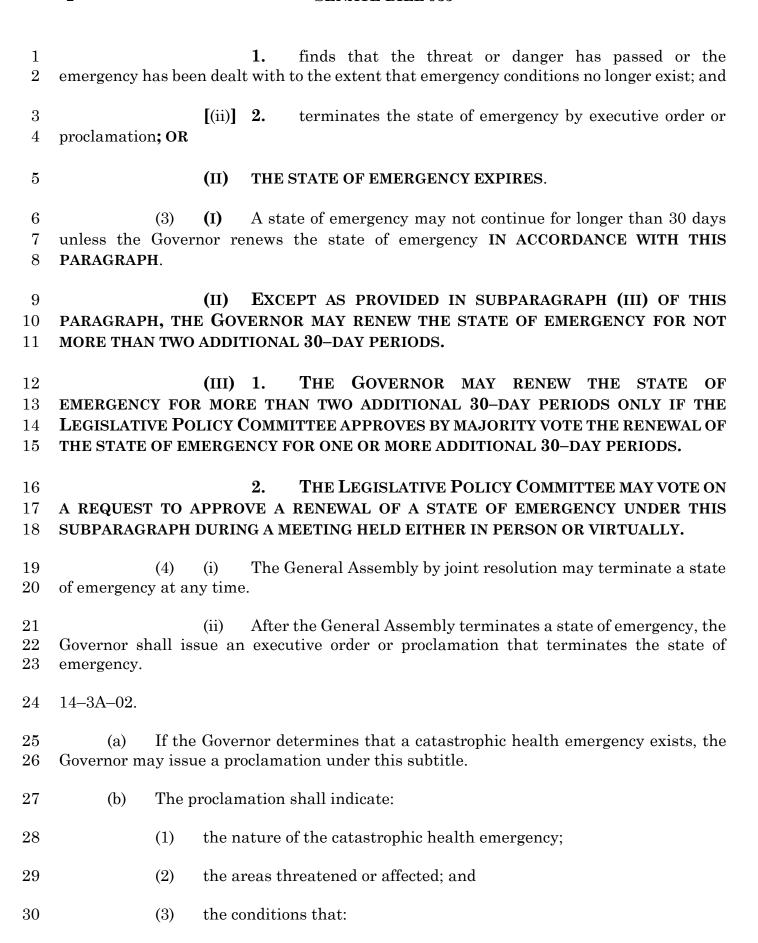
## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	States of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Renewals – Authorization by Legislative Policy Committee
4 5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Governor from renewing a state of emergency or catastrophic health emergency for more than a certain period of time without approval from a majority of the Legislative Policy Committee; authorizing the Committee to vote on such authorizations at a meeting held either in person or virtually; and generally relating to the renewal of states of emergency and catastrophic health emergencies.
10 11 12 13 14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 14–107(a) and 14–3A–02 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
15 16	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
17	Article - Public Safety
18	14–107.
19 20 21	(a) (1) If the Governor finds that an emergency has developed or is impending due to any cause, the Governor shall declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation.
22	(2) The state of emergency continues until [the Governor]:
23	(i) THE GOVERNOR:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1	(i) led to the catastrophic health emergency; or
2	(ii) made possible the termination of the emergency.
3 4 5	(c) (1) The Governor shall rescind a proclamation issued under this section whenever the Governor determines that the catastrophic health emergency no longer exists.
6 7	(2) Unless renewed IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, the proclamation expires 30 days after issuance.
8 9 10 11	(3) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Governor may renew the proclamation for [successive periods, each not to exceed 30 days] NOT MORE THAN TWO ADDITIONAL 30-DAY PERIODS, if the Governor determines that a catastrophic health emergency continues to exist.
12 13 14 15	(4) (I) THE GOVERNOR MAY RENEW A PROCLAMATION FOR MORE THAN TWO ADDITIONAL 30-DAY PERIODS ONLY IF THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE APPROVES BY MAJORITY VOTE THE RENEWAL OF THE PROCLAMATION FOR ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL 30-DAY PERIODS.
16 17 18	(II) THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MAY VOTE ON A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RENEWAL OF A PROCLAMATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH DURING A MEETING HELD EITHER IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY.
19	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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October 1, 2022.