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By: Senator Augustine

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## A BILL ENTITLED

9-8-8 Trust Fund - Funding

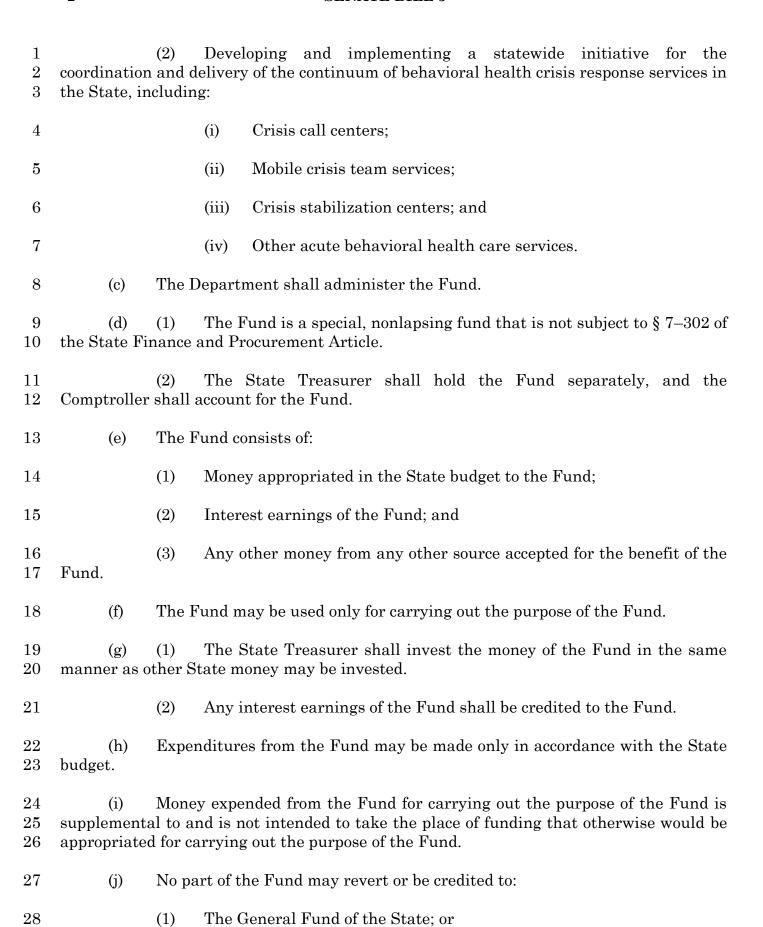
1 AN ACT concerning

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the budget
- 4 bill for a certain fiscal year to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund; and generally relating to the
- 5 9–8–8 Trust Fund.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 7 Article Health General
- 8 Section 7.5–5A–01 and 7.5–5A–02
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 13 Article Health General
- 14 7.5–5A–01.

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- 15 In this subtitle, "Fund" means the 9–8–8 Trust Fund.
- 16 7.5–5A–02.
- 17 (a) There is a 9–8–8 Trust Fund.
- 18 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide reimbursement for costs associated with:
- 19 (1) Designating and maintaining 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number
- 20 for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline in accordance with the
- 21 federal National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020; and





- 1 (2) Any other special fund of the State.
- 2 (k) The Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided in 3 § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2025, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund established under \$7.5–5A–02 of the Health General Article.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  $8\,\,$  1, 2023.