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SB138: MDEM Regulatory Authority
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In 2021, I sponsored [SB658](#), which passed both chambers unanimously. This bill elevated the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to become the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM)-- a Cabinet-level office.

However, the Department was unintentionally not given the ability to adopt regulations to implement and enforce existing laws surrounding their charge, which [SB138](#) would grant. It would also restore the regulatory authority previously held by the Maryland 9-1-1 Board.

This bill was requested by MDEM.

I urge a favorable report on SB138.