

HOUSE BILL 930

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 8–102(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 8–102(f)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 8–102.

23 (a) There is a Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund.

24 (b) The purposes of the Fund are to promote:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) the delivery of effective and high quality fire protection, rescue, and
2 ambulance services in the State;

3 (2) increased financial support for fire, rescue, and ambulance companies
4 by counties; and

5 (3) the continued financial viability of volunteer fire, rescue, and
6 ambulance companies given the greatly increased costs of equipment.

7 (f) (1) State money provided under this section may only be used to:

8 (i) acquire or rehabilitate fire or rescue equipment, including
9 ambulances;

10 (ii) acquire or rehabilitate capital equipment used in connection with
11 fire or rescue equipment;

12 (iii) rehabilitate facilities used primarily to house fire fighting
13 equipment, ambulances, and rescue vehicles;

14 (iv) install life safety and fire protection systems at a fire, a rescue,
15 or an ambulance facility;

16 (v) acquire land [that is adjacent to an existing fire, rescue, or
17 ambulance facility] for the purpose of [rehabilitating that] **REHABILITATION OR**
18 **CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE, A RESCUE, OR AN AMBULANCE** facility;

19 (vi) acquire wireless telecommunications devices, computers, and
20 related computer equipment if used exclusively for fire protection, rescue, and ambulance
21 services; and

22 (vii) acquire machinery and equipment if used exclusively for fire
23 protection, rescue, and ambulance services.

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