

SENATE BILL 623

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CF HB 562

By: **Senators Shank, Edwards, and Young**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Volunteer Fire and Rescue**
3 **Companies – Reimbursement of Costs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to
5 establish, by resolution or ordinance, a system of fees under which a volunteer
6 fire department, rescue squad, or ambulance company in the county may charge
7 for services rendered at an emergency fire or rescue incident under certain
8 circumstances; authorizing a resolution or ordinance adopted under this Act to
9 provide for the reimbursement of certain reasonable costs under certain
10 circumstances; requiring a resolution or ordinance adopted under this Act to
11 authorize the imposition of a fee only on a certain person; and generally relating
12 to the reimbursement of costs by volunteer fire and rescue companies in
13 Washington County.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 7–404
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 **7–404.**

23 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**
2 **WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF FEES UNDER WHICH A**
3 **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, OR AMBULANCE COMPANY IN**
4 **THE COUNTY MAY CHARGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED AT AN EMERGENCY FIRE**
5 **OR RESCUE INCIDENT TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF**
6 **PROVIDING THE SERVICES.**

7 **(C) A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION:**

8 **(1) MAY PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE**
9 **COSTS FOR EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, OR CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS USED BY A**
10 **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD, OR AMBULANCE COMPANY AT**
11 **AN EMERGENCY FIRE OR RESCUE INCIDENT; AND**

12 **(2) SHALL AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE ONLY ON A**
13 **RESPONSIBLE PARTY OTHER THAN THE PERSON TO WHOM ASSISTANCE OR**
14 **MEDICAL CARE WAS PROVIDED AT THE EMERGENCY FIRE OR RESCUE INCIDENT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2012.