

SENATE BILL 753

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – City of Laurel**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the City of Laurel to participate in the Maryland
4 Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and generally relating to the
5 Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 14–801(a) and 14–803(1) and (2)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 14–801(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Safety**

19 14–801.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (e) “Jurisdictions” means the 23 counties within Maryland, Baltimore City, the
22 City of Annapolis, **THE CITY OF LAUREL**, and Ocean City.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 14-803.

2 (1) Article 1. Purpose.

3 (a) (1) The purpose of this Compact is to provide for mutual assistance
4 between the jurisdictions entering into this Compact in managing an emergency.

5 (2) This Compact also shall provide for mutual cooperation in
6 emergency-related exercises, testing, or other training activities using equipment or
7 personnel simulating performance of any aspect of the giving and receiving of aid by party
8 jurisdictions during emergencies.

9 (2) Article 2. Requests for Assistance.

10 (b) (1) The senior elected official of each jurisdiction shall designate an
11 authorized representative. The authorized representative of a party jurisdiction may
12 request assistance of another party jurisdiction by contacting the authorized representative
13 of that jurisdiction.

14 (2) The provisions of this Compact shall apply only to requests for
15 assistance made by and to authorized representatives.

16 (3) Requests may be verbal or in writing.

17 (4) If verbal, the request shall be confirmed in writing at the earliest
18 possible date, but no later than 10 calendar days following the verbal request.

19 (5) Written requests shall provide the following information:

20 (i) A description of the emergency support function for which
21 assistance is needed;

22 (ii) The emergency support function shall include, but not be limited
23 to, fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, transportation,
24 communications, public works and engineering, building inspection, planning and
25 information assistance, mass care, resource support, health and medical services, and
26 search and rescue;

27 (iii) The amount and type of personnel, equipment, materials, and
28 supplies needed and a reasonable estimate of the length of time they will be needed; and

29 (iv) The specific place and time for staging of the assisting party's
30 response and a point of contact at that location.

31 (6) There shall be frequent consultations between the Maryland
32 Emergency Management Agency and appropriate representatives of the party jurisdictions
33 with free exchange of information and plans generally relating to emergency capabilities.

1 (7) A senior elected official or an authorized representative will advise the
2 Maryland Emergency Management Agency of verbal requests and provide copies of written
3 requests.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2020.