

Chapter 468

**(House Bill 1413)**

AN ACT concerning

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

**PG 311–20**

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

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

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

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

**Article – Public Safety**

14–801.

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

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

14–803.

(1) Article 1. Purpose.

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

(2) This Compact also shall provide for mutual cooperation in emergency–related exercises, testing, or other training activities using equipment or

personnel simulating performance of any aspect of the giving and receiving of aid by party jurisdictions during emergencies.

(2) Article 2. Requests for Assistance.

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

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

(3) Requests may be verbal or in writing.

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

(5) Written requests shall provide the following information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**