

HOUSE BILL 1038

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Emergency Medical Services – Registration Surcharge**

3 FOR the purpose of altering for certain motor vehicles the amount of the annual surcharge
4 supporting emergency medical services in the State to be paid in addition to the
5 annual registration fee; and generally relating to the annual registration surcharge
6 supporting emergency medical services in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–954

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 13–954.

21 (a) In this section, “motor vehicle” means a:

22 (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;

23 (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;
- 2 (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- 3 (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- 4 (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- 5 (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- 6 (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- 7 (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- 8 (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- 9 (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle;
- 10 (12) Class R (low speed) vehicle; or
- 11 (13) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.
- 12 (b) (1) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the
13 owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay a surcharge of **[\$17.00]**
14 **\$21.25** per year for each motor vehicle registered.
- 15 (2) \$2.50 of the surcharge collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection
16 shall be paid into the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund established under §
17 19–130 of the Health – General Article.
- 18 13–955.
- 19 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Emergency Medical System
20 Operations Fund.
- 21 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.
- 22 (2) The Comptroller shall administer the Fund, including accounting for
23 all transactions and performing year–end reconciliation.
- 24 (3) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §
25 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 26 (4) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted for and
27 credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6–226(a) of the State Finance and
28 Procurement Article.

1 (c) The Fund consists of:

2 (1) Registration surcharges collected under § 13–954 of this subtitle;

3 (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and
4 interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e) of this
5 section that is a unit of State government; and

6 (3) Revenues distributed to the Fund from the surcharges collected under
7 § 7–301(f) of the Courts Article.

8 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation
9 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget amendment
10 procedure provided under § 7–209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, provided
11 that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by the Legislative Policy
12 Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

13 (e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

14 (1) Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police, Special
15 Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

16 (2) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

17 (3) The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of
18 Maryland Medical System;

19 (4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

20 (5) The provision of grants under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire,
21 Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 1 of the
22 Public Safety Article; and

23 (6) The Volunteer Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the
24 provisions of Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the Public Safety Article.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2024.