

HB1439/343420/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1439
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Emergency Services – Funding**”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “services” in line 12 and substitute “increasing the motor vehicle registration emergency medical system surcharge for certain motor vehicles; providing for the distribution of revenues derived from the surcharge; altering certain provisions of law related to the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund, including provisions related to the contents and sources of the funding, transfer of money from the Fund, and the methodology used to determine eligibility for disbursements from the Fund; increasing the fines for certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law related to driving while impaired; altering the authorized uses of the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund; and generally relating to the funding for emergency services”; and strike in their entirety lines 23 through 27, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 8–102(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 8–102(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

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On page 2, in line 3, strike “13–954(b), 13–955,” and substitute “13–954”; and after line 5, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–955
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 22, strike “**10%**” and substitute “**20%**”; in line 30, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with the colon in line 30 down through “**THE**” in line 31.

On page 5, strike beginning with “; **AND**” in line 2 down through “**YEAR**” in line 4; and in line 26, strike “**35%**” and substitute “**60%**”.

On page 6, in line 4, strike “**40%**” and substitute “**60%**”; and in lines 15 and 26, strike “**35%**” and substitute “**60%**”.

On page 8, in line 1, strike “**CURRENT**” and substitute “**PROJECTED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE FUND IS ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE**”; in line 4, strike “**FEE SCHEDULE COVERS LESS THAN 50% OF ALLOWABLE ON–CALL COSTS**” and substitute “**ECONOMIC INDEX**”; and strike beginning with “**FOR**” in line 19 down through “**CARE**” in line 20 and substitute “**OF THE REASONABLE COMPENSATION EQUIVALENT FOR ON–CALL HOURS**”.

On page 9, strike beginning with “The” in line 21 down through “awarded” in line 23 and substitute “**THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IN A FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT REDUCE THE BALANCE REMAINING IN**”.

THE FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO LESS THAN 15% OF THE REVENUE COLLECTED IN THAT FISCAL YEAR.

On page 10, in line 21, strike “AND”; strike beginning with “AMOUNT” in line 22 down through “ALLOWED” in line 23 and substitute “**COSTS THAT HOSPITALS REPORTED TO THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION AND ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE GLOBAL BUDGETS OF THE HOSPITALS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING**”; in line 24, strike “IN HOSPITAL RATES FOR TRAUMA” and substitute “**TRAUMA**”; in line 25, strike “IN ALLOWABLE” and substitute “**ALLOWABLE**”; in line 27, strike “FOR MAINTAINING” and substitute “**MAINTAINING**”; in line 29, strike “FOR MAINTAINING” and substitute “**MAINTAINING**”; in line 30, strike “FOR PROCURING” and substitute “**PROCURING**”; in line 31, strike “FOR PROVIDING” and substitute “**PROVIDING**”; in line 31, after “TRAINING” insert “;**AND**”

(8) ANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY TRAUMA CENTERS AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN FUNDING;

and after line 31, insert:

“(G) THE COMMISSION SHALL AWARD AN ANNUAL GRANT FROM THE FUND IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$1,800,000 TO LEVEL I PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTERS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) UP TO \$900,000 TO JOHNS HOPKINS CHILDREN’S CENTER;

AND

(2) UP TO \$900,000 TO CHILDREN’S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

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8-102.

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

(G) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND OF AT LEAST \$16,500,000.

On page 11, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 13, inclusive; after line 15, insert:

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

- (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;
- (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle;
- (12) Class R (low speed) vehicle; or

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(13) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.”;

in line 18, strike “**\$24.50**” and substitute “**\$40.00**”; in line 19, after “(2)” insert “**(I)**”; in the same line, strike “**\$10**” and substitute “**\$6.50**”; and after line 21, insert:

“(II) THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL ALLOCATE AT LEAST \$9.00 OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER.

“(III) THE BALANCE OF THE SURCHARGE COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM OPERATIONS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-955 OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.

On page 12, in lines 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 26, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in lines 20, 22, 23, and 26, strike “**(2)**”, “**(3)**”, “**(4)**”, and “**(5)**”, respectively.

On page 13, in line 5, strike “**\$1,100**” and substitute “**\$1,200**”; and in line 7, strike “**\$2,200**” and substitute “**\$2,400**”.

On page 14, in lines 5 and 32, in each instance, strike “**\$1,100**” and substitute “**\$1,200**”; and in line 7, strike “**\$2,200**” and substitute “**\$2,400**”.

On page 15, in lines 2 and 14, in each instance, strike “**\$2,200**” and substitute “**\$2,400**”; and in line 12, strike “**\$1,100**” and substitute “**\$1,200**”.