

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 Section 3-1101 through 3-1106 ~~3-1105~~ 3-1107, inclusive, to
 be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
 11. Reimbursement for Costs of Emergency Response,
 Containment, Cleanup, and Abatement"
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1984 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

~~BY-repealing-and-reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article---41-----Governor-----Executive--and--Administrative
 Departments
 Section-4-102(a)-and-4-103(d)
 Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
 (1986-Replacement-Volume-and-1987-Supplement)~~

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~~Article--41-----Governor-----Executive--and---Administrative
 Departments
 Section-4-103-1
 Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
 (1986-Replacement-Volume-and-1987-Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, Proposals to reimburse volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads, and volunteer ambulance companies for certain damaged or destroyed equipment that was used to contain, clean up, and abate a hazardous materials spill or discharge caused in a traffic accident involving a motor carrier were studied extensively during the 1987 Interim; and

WHEREAS, This Act is intended to provide at least some money to the individuals who work for or with volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads, and volunteer ambulance companies in order to reimburse those individuals for their personal protective equipment that is damaged or destroyed while making an emergency response to a traffic accident that results in a spill or discharge of hazardous materials involving a motor carrier that is transporting hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, By means of negotiated settlements first and court action if necessary, this Act provides a mechanism under which the volunteer individual is reimbursed for damaged or destroyed personal protective equipment by the motor carrier that is at fault in and causes a traffic accident involving a containment, cleanup, and abatement of hazardous materials; and