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Governor

Senate Bill No. 483

AN ACT concerning

Fire Fighters, Rescue Squad Members, and Paramedics -
Criminal Record Check

FOR the purpose of allowing criminal record checks on applicants for a volunteer or paid fire fighter, rescue squad member, or paramedic position; providing that these applicants upon request provide a set of fingerprints to certain State authorities; ~~and~~ providing that information regarding criminal convictions may be considered when hiring these applicants; and generally relating to criminal record checks for fire fighters, rescue squad members, and paramedics.

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 7A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

7A.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 27, SECTIONS 742 THROUGH 755, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND RESCUE SQUADS MAY REQUEST A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK ON ALL APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT AS VOLUNTEER OR PAID FIRE FIGHTERS, RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS, OR PARAMEDICS.

(B) (1) EVERY UPON REQUEST BY AN EMPLOYING OR APPOINTING ENTITY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT FOR APPOINTMENT TO OR EMPLOYMENT TO WITH A FIRE DEPARTMENT, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR ANY RESCUE SQUAD SHALL