

Chapter 603

**(House Bill 22)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City Fire Department – Motorized Fire Equipment – Report**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Fire Department to submit a report at certain intervals to the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly on the condition of motorized fire equipment of the Department and the anticipated needs of the Department for motorized fire equipment for a certain period of time; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Fire Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Charter of Baltimore City  
Article II – General Powers  
Section (7)  
(2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

**The Charter of Baltimore City**

Article II – General Powers

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

(7)

(A) To provide for protection against fires, and to establish and to regulate all matters relating to a Fire Department.

**(B) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, ON:**

**(1) THE CONDITION OF MOTORIZED FIRE EQUIPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

**(2) THE ANTICIPATED NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR MOTORIZED FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.**