Bill No.

25-00

Concerning: Fire Safety - Report of

Incidents

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# COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

#### AN ACT to:

- require any incident or request involving the delivery of fire, rescue, and (1) emergency medical services by a local fire and rescue department or the Division of Fire and Rescue Services to be reported to the Fire and Rescue Service in a manner prescribed by the Fire and Rescue Commission;
- require the Fire Administrator or the Administrator's designee to be the custodian **(2)** of each report submitted;
- (3) release the local fire and rescue departments from the obligation to maintain any report after it is submitted to the Fire and Rescue Service; and
- generally amend the laws governing reporting of fire, rescue, and emergency **(4)** medical services.

## By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 22, Fire Safety Code Section 22-8

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Added by amendment.

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

## Sec. 1. Section 22-8 is amended as follows:

# 22-8. Report of [fires] Fire and Rescue Incidents.

- (a) [Every fire shall be reported in writing to the department of fire and rescue services by the officer in whose jurisdiction such fire has occurred.] [[Each incident involving the delivery of, or a request to deliver, fire, rescue or emergency medical services by the]] The Division of Fire and Rescue Services [[or]] and any local fire and rescue department[[,]] must [[be reported]] report each incident involving the delivery of, or a request to deliver, fire, rescue or emergency medical services, to the Fire and Rescue Service in a manner prescribed by the Fire and Rescue Commission [[by regulation or Commission policy]]. [Such report shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the director and shall contain a statement of facts relating to] Each report must include:
  - (1) the cause, origin, and circumstances of [such] any fire, and [[(2)]] any factors contributing to [the] its spread [of fire][[,]];
  - [[(3)]] (2) the nature and extent of any personal injury or illness[[,]]; [to persons and extent of damage thereof,]
  - [[(4)]] (3) details of any hazardous materials incident[[,]]; and

20	[[(5)]] (4) [such] any other information [as may be required] that the
21	Commission requires. [Reports shall be submitted in accordance
22	with the schedule prescribed by the director.]
23	[[(b) [Fires] Any fire of incendiary or suspicious nature[, of] or undetermined
24	cause, or where loss of life or serious injury occurs [shall] must be
25	reported immediately to the [division of fire prevention] bureau of life
26	safety services.]]
27	[[(c)]] (b) The Fire Administrator or the Administrator's designee. is the
28	custodian of each report submitted under this Section.
29	[[(d)]] (c) A local fire and rescue department need not maintain any report
30	after it is submitted under this Section.
31	Approved:
32	Michael L. Subin, President, County Council  Date
33	Approved:
34	Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive Date
35	This is a correct copy of Council action.
36	Mary M. Edgar, CMP, Clerk of the Council Date