



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5549

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY CALLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Any state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or
4 member of a volunteer ambulance service or company [may, with the
5 authorization of his appointing authority, be permitted to respond]
6 shall be entitled to receive full pay for time spent responding to fire
7 calls or ambulance calls during [his] such employee's regular hours of
8 employment without loss of [pay,] vacation time, sick leave or earned
9 overtime accumulation, provided, if requested by such employee's
10 appointing authority, such employee submits a written statement from
11 the chief of the volunteer fire department or the medical director or
12 chief administrator of the volunteer ambulance service or company
13 verifying that such employee responded to a fire or ambulance call and
14 specifying the date, time and duration of such response.

15 (b) Any state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer
16 of the American Red Cross may, with the authorization of [his] such
17 employee's supervisor, be granted a leave not to exceed fourteen days
18 in each year to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the
19 American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross,

