

SB 863 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes rural fire protection district (district) to acquire real property or easement for purpose of establishing fire evacuation route by purchase or other voluntary agreement. Allows district to construct or maintain fire evacuation route or to participate in certain agreements on property owned by district, under district easement, or owned and authorized by person or governmental entity for fire evacuation route purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Senate Vote: Ayes, 27; Nays, 2--Heard, Linthicum

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows a rural fire protection district to acquire sites on which to place fire houses or district headquarters by purchase or exercise of the powers of eminent domain. Senate Bill 863 A authorizes a rural fire protection district to acquire real property or an easement to establish or maintain fire evacuation routes.