

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 1 of Chapter 191 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1927, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Maryland, so long as said fire companies remain incorporated bodies and active fire-fighting organizations, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually for each piece of fire-fighting apparatus having a pump or chemical tank, said money to be used for maintenance and equipment of the several said departments, and to levy said necessary amount on the assessable property of said county, and to provide for the date on which said payment shall be made," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

1. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually to the several voluntary fire companies operating in Montgomery County for each piece of fire-fighting apparatus it maintains in efficient operating condition, said sum of money to be used by the respective fire companies for the purchase, repair and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment. Provided that the said County Commissioners shall make no payment to any fire companies organized after the effective date of this Act unless such fire company shall apply to said County Commissioners and receive the approval of said County Commissioners for its organization. And provided further that no such payment shall be made unless the fire-fighting apparatus upon which said payment is based shall be equipped with a pump or with chemical tanks, and provided further that no fire-fighting company in Montgomery County shall be entitled to any such payment or to any benefits under this Act unless it has in its possession more than one thousand (1,000) feet of standard hose in effective condition.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any voluntary fire company in Montgomery County organized prior to the passage hereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.