

appropriations for the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 2 and 4 of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1931, as amended by Chapter 666 of the Acts of 1941, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. The County Commissioners of Prince George's County be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate and levy annually the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$28,200.00) for the use of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association. Said sum shall be paid annually to the Treasurer of said Association and Forty-two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) thereof shall be disbursed by him to the Bladensburg Rescue Squad \$1,200, Glendale Rescue Squad \$750, Marlboro Rescue Squad \$750, Brentwood Rescue Squad \$500, Branchville Rescue Squad \$1,000, and said total of Twenty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$28,200.00) shall be disbursed by him only on order of the Board of Directors of said Association to the member companies, departments or rescue squads of said Association, only for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and maintaining apparatus and equipment; provided, however, that no payment shall be made to any company or department which has resolution or regulation limiting the territory within which it will respond to calls and provided further that before any new volunteer fire association, company or corporation shall share in said appropriation, said association, company or corporation must receive the approval of the County Commissioners. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the aforesaid sum of money to the said Fire Association, the said Commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said Association to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that all sums of money paid by the said Commissioners to the said Association under this Act have been expended for the purposes set forth in this Act, and also that all member companies are active fire fighting or rescue squad organizations with equipment in proper working order. Provided, however, that no rescue squad not now in existence may be organized in Prince George's County without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association and the County Commissioners of Prince George's County and if any additional rescue squad or squads are organized the payment to them must be provided out of a reduction in the amount of payments to the now existing rescue squads as hereinabove set forth.