

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That four new sections be and they are hereby added to the Anne Arundel County Code (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new sections to be known as Sections 332-I-332L, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 332H of said Article, and all to read as follows:*

332-I. (a). The provisions of this section shall apply to and be effective in the first precinct and the third precinct of the Fifth Election District of Anne Arundel County.

(b). The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are hereby authorized and directed to levy for the year 1956 and annually thereafter a fire tax of five cents on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of all real and personal property located in the first precinct and the third precinct of the Fifth Election District.

(c). The said fire tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other State and County taxes are now levied and collected.

(d). The proceeds collected from each precinct by said fire tax shall be paid by the County Commissioners semi-annually on June 30 and December 31 of each year to the Brooklyn Park Fire Company and the Glen Burnie Fire Company respectively in amounts equal to the amount collected from each precinct.

332J. The funds received by Brooklyn Park Fire Company AND THE GLEN BURNIE FIRE COMPANY shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating and maintaining their fire fighting equipment and apparatus and the housing of the same, provided, however, that no payment or disbursement of any of said funds shall be made by either fire company or the Treasurer thereof without the approval of its Board of Directors. The amount and type of equipment of said fire companies shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Association and no resolution, regulation or by-law shall be passed by either fire company limiting or restricting the territory within said precincts of said election district within which it will respond to emergency or fire calls.

332K. In the event either fire company ceases to be an active fire fighting organization, or if the funds provided for herein are not used for the purposes set forth in Sections 332-I - 332L of this subtitle, or if restrictive rules or regulations are adopted by either company with respect to the area within which it will respond to emergency or fire calls, then, and in any of said events, the said County Commissioners shall cease to levy the said fire tax.

332L. The Brooklyn Park Fire Company and Glen Burnie Fire Company shall each give bond to the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County in a penal sum to be set by them conditioned upon the faithful expenditure of the funds derived hereunder.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved March 7, 1955.