

of Chapter 297 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1951, now codified as Section 12-10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County, as the same may be now or hereafter amended, when the need therefore shall become apparent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 426
(House Bill 783)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 72 of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Fire Companies," as last amended by Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Special Session of March, 1962, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 77G OF SAID ARTICLE AND TITLE, SUBTITLE "FIRE TAX," AS ADDED BY CHAPTER 759 OF THE ACTS OF 1957, to increase the annual payment authorized to be paid to certain volunteer fire companies AND TO REPEAL AN OBSOLETE RESTRICTION RELATING TO FIRE COMPANIES in St. Mary's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 72 of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Fire Companies," as last amended by Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Special Session of March, 1962, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 77G OF SAID ARTICLE AND TITLE, SUBTITLE "FIRE TAX," AS ADDED BY CHAPTER 759 OF THE ACTS OF 1957, ALL to read as follows:

72.

The County Commissioners are authorized to pay annually from general county funds to each active volunteer fire company in St. Mary's County a sum not exceeding ~~[\$2,500.00]~~ \$5,000.00 per company; provided, however, that no part of said sum shall be distributed to any fire company to be formed in the future, which has not been approved by the St. Mary's County Fire Board.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 427
(House Bill 785)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 97B (a) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replace-