

continuous ride, except at such points on said lines where such form a route so as to permit a passenger to return in the same general direction of the line upon which the transfer was issued, the privilege of the transfer not to apply to the terminus of any line or route; provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any of the interests of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the said United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore, or any of the railways consolidated under the corporate name.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after July 1, 1900; provided, that the present system of free transfers now in use on said railway lines shall continue in use until said date.

Approved April 5, 1900.

CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster to contract with the Westminster Fire and Hose Company No. 1, of Westminster, a body corporate, for its aid in the suppression of fires in the corporate limits of the City of Westminster.

Mayor and
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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company No. 1, of Westminster, a body corporate, for its aid and service in the suppression of fires in the corporate limits of the City of Westminster for a term of fourteen years, and pay therefor to said company the sum of three hundred dollars per annum for said term; the said sum of three hundred dollars per annum to be applied to the payment of the principal of the mortgage debt of forty-three hundred dollars now owing on the building of said company; and the whole amount so paid by the said the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall, upon the sale of said building, or non use thereof for fire company purposes, or the dissolution of said company, be repaid to the said the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster by said company without interest.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1900.