

fire departments in Garrett County and directing the county commissioners to levy sufficient sums to pay the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 182 and 184 of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County," sub-title "Fire Departments," as said sections were amended by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows,

182. The County Commissioners of Garrett County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) annually to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) annually to the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department, and the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) annually each to the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department, the Accident Volunteer Fire Department and the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department, so long as each of said fire departments remains an active fire fighting organization, for their benefit, said sums of money to be used by the said fire departments for the purchase, repair or maintenance of fire fighting equipment.

184. The County Commissioners of Garrett County are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to levy such sums as are necessary annually for the above purposes on the assessable property of said County. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the aforesaid sums of money, the said Commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said fire departments to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that any sums of money paid by the said Commissioners to the said fire departments under this sub-title, have been expended for the purposes set forth in this subtitle, and also that said fire departments are active fire-fighting organizations. In the event said fire departments hereinbefore mentioned cease to remain active fire fighting organizations or have not used the moneys appropriated to them for the sole purposes set forth in this sub-title, then this sub-title shall become null and void.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 16, 1947.