

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 4 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 1933, as said section was amended by Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

4. The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall appoint and dismiss, upon the recommendation of the said Volunteer Fire Companies, two chauffeurs for each of said companies, and in addition thereto, the necessary relief chauffeurs to substitute for the regular chauffeurs when the latter are off on vacation or sick, as hereinafter provided. The County Commissioners are hereby directed to levy a special tax in each Election District, sufficient to pay the salaries of the chauffeurs and relief chauffeurs of the several Volunteer Fire Companies and to pay the salary of each chauffeur and relief chauffeur from the tax levied in the Election District in which the Volunteer Fire Department employing the chauffeur or relief chauffeur is located. The salary for each chauffeur shall, after July 1, 1947, be \$2,100.00 per year, payable in equal monthly installments, except that any such chauffeur employed on June 1, 1947 shall, from and after that date, receive not less than \$2,400.00 per year; provided further, that any chauffeur beginning at a salary of \$2,100.00 per year after June 1, 1947, shall be paid \$100.00 additional for each year of service thereafter, subject to said maximum of \$2,400.00 per year.

All chauffeurs appointed under this Act shall be entitled to 15 days annual vacation, at the full rate of pay.

The County Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the several Volunteer Fire Companies, shall appoint a relief chauffeur for each of the several Volunteer Fire Companies, to substitute for the regular chauffeurs when they are off on vacation. The pay of said relief chauffeurs shall be computed at the annual rate of \$2,100.00.

Persons now employed as chauffeurs of the several Volunteer Fire Companies shall be appointed by the County Commissioners in preference to all other applicants to fill the positions created by this Act. The County Commissioners may pass rules and regulations setting forth the duties of each of the chauffeurs appointed under this Act.

The County Commissioners may retire any chauffeur of a Volunteer Fire Department who shall after the date of this Act become permanently disabled while in the active performance of his duties, or who has performed faithful services as a chauffeur for a period of not less than twenty (20) consecutive years' service prior to this Act to be included, and has