

Commissioners of Garrett County to levy and pay certain sums of money to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Friendsville and Kitzmillersville and to authorize an increase in the payments to the Volunteer Fire Departments in Garrett County under certain conditions.

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Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", sub-title "Fire Departments", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows: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 Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) annually to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) annually to the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) annually to the Kitzmillersville Volunteer Fire Department, and the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) annually to the Grantsville 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. Provided that, if, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, the amounts herein authorized are not sufficient to meet the needs or requirements of any one or more of said fire departments for the purposes set forth in this section, said Commissioners may increase said appropriation to such amount as they deem advisable up to, but not in excess of a total payment of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) to said Oakland Volunteer Fire Department and Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for each of the other named departments.

184. The County Commissioners of Garrett County are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to levy the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) annually and such amount in addition thereto as they may determine upon in accordance with the provisions of Section 182 but not in excess of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) 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 sub-title, and also that said fire departments are active fire fighting organizations. In the