

act shall go, one-half to the informer and one-half to the School Commissioners of Garrett county, to be applied to the county school fund.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect Effective. from the date of its passage.

Approved March 19, 1896.

CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT for the aid of the State Firemen's Association.

WHEREAS, The volunteer firemen throughout the State per- Preamble. form deeds of valor or heroism in the saving of lives and property of the citizens of the various communities in the State, without compensation or reward; and

WHEREAS, On many occasions, volunteer firemen have been seriously injured, and in some instances killed, while in the discharge of a duty imposed by a desire for the protection of others, and in consequence their families are oftentimes placed in embarrassing circumstances by the inability of the member thus injured or killed to provide for the family support; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, The maintaining of the Volunteer Fire Companies by the firemen themselves is a great saving to the citizens of the State, in not being compelled to expend large sums for the support of a paid fire department; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, On account of the efficiency of these Volunteer Fire Companies, much property is saved from destruction, that is now a source of revenue to the State; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Firemen's Association has been organized, and among its objects and purposes is to provide assistance to volunteer firemen and their families, when the firemen are injured in the discharge of their duty as firemen; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is but just and proper that the State should recognize and aid in a substantial manner a project for the amelioration of a large class of her citizens; therefore Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That to render financial assistance to the Maryland State Firemen's Association, a body corporate, chartered by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, session of 1894, for the Appropriation to Firemen's Association.