

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon the yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 25, 1927.

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## CHAPTER 191.

AN ACT to provide for the payment by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Maryland, to certain volunteer fire companies in Montgomery County, Maryland, so long as said fire companies remain incorporated bodies and active fire-fighting organizations, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually for each piece of fire-fighting apparatus having a pump or chemical tank, said money to be used for maintenance and equipment of the several said departments, and to levy said necessary amount on the assessable property of said County, and to provide for the date on which said payment shall be made.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioner of Montgomery County be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually to the several volunteer fire companies for each piece of fire-fighting apparatus it maintains in efficient operating condition, said sum of money to be used by the respective fire companies for the purchase, repair and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment. No such payment shall be made unless the fire-fighting apparatus shall be equipped with a pump or with chemical tanks. No volunteer fire-fighting company shall receive any benefits under this Act unless it has more than one thousand (1,000) feet of standard hose.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said payment shall be made on the first day of September in each and every year by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Montgomery County be and the same are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to levy whatever sum