for the next ensuing year and levied and collected in the next year's taxes.

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 health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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 April 1, 1927.

## CHAPTER 270.

AN ACT to provide for the payment by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, to certain volunteer fire companies in Caroline County, Maryland, so long as said fire companies remain active bodies and active fire fighting organizations, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) annually for their benefit and for certain purposes, and to levy said 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 Commissioners of Caroline County be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) annually to the several volunteer fire companies so long as said fire companies remain active bodies, and active fire fighting organizations for their benefit, said sum of money to be used by the respective fire companies for the purchase, repair or maintenance of fire fighting equipment.

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 Caroline County, and it shall be distributed as follows: To the Denton Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated, of Denton, Maryland, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00); to the Federalsburg Fire Company of Federalsburg, Maryland, the sum of Two