

received as fees or fines before payment of fines to the State and City of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 270 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1927, to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Caroline County to pay annually an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to certain volunteer fire companies in Caroline County so long as said fire companies remain active bodies, and active fire fighting organizations, 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 Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 270 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1927 be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

1. That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to pay annually an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) 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.

2. 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 in equal proportions to the five following fire companies of Caroline County, viz: The Denton Volunteer Fire Company, of Denton,