

to provide for the sharing of any new member company in said appropriation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 430 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1927 be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Prince George's County be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate and levy annually the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the use of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association. Said sum shall be paid annually to the Treasurer of said association and shall be disbursed by him only on order of the Board of directors of said association to the member companies, departments or rescue squads of said association, only for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and maintaining apparatus and equipment; provided, however, that no payment shall be made to any company or department which has any resolution or regulation limiting the territory within which it will respond to calls. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the aforesaid sum of money to the said fire association, the said Commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said association to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that all sums of money paid by the said Commissioners to the said association under this Act have been expended for the purposes set forth in this Act, and also that all member companies are active fire fighting or rescue squad organizations with equipment in proper working order.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no new fire company or rescue squad which shall be admitted to said association after the passage of this Act shall share in the distribution of any sums of money herein provided for unless they shall first have been approved by the County Commissioners of said county for the purpose of receiving the benefits herein provided.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Treasurer of Prince George's Volunteer Fire Association shall give bond to the County Commissioners of Prince George's County in