

appointee shall serve as a chauffeur for six months under a probation appointment at a salary of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month, payable monthly. The County Commissioners are hereby directed to levy a special tax in each Election District, sufficient to pay the salaries of the chauffeurs of the several Volunteer Fire Companies and to pay the salary of each chauffeur from the tax levied in the Election District in which the Volunteer Fire Department employing the chauffeur is located. The salary of each chauffeur shall be as follows:

First Year	\$1,200.00
Second Year	1,250.00
Third Year	1,300.00
Fourth Year	1,350.00
Fifth Year	1,400.00
Sixth and each successive year.....	1,440.00

The above salaries shall be payable monthly in equal installments. Persons now employed as chauffeurs of the several Volunteer Fire Companies shall be appointed by the County Commissioners in preference to all other applicants to fill the positions created by this Act, and shall be given credit for the years of service completed prior to the enactment of this Act, in computing their pay scale. The County Commissioners may pass rules and regulations setting forth the duties of each of the chauffeurs appointed under this Act.

The County Commissioners may retire any chauffeur of a Volunteer Fire Department who shall after the date of this Act become permanently disabled while in the active performance of his duties, or who has performed faithful services as a chauffeur for a period of not less than twenty (20) consecutive years' service prior to this Act to be included, and has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, and place the chauffeur so retired upon a pension roll and pay him one-half his regular monthly salary. No chauffeur shall be retired before reaching the age of sixty-five (65) until he shall have been examined by a board of three physicians of the State Department of Health and its findings as to disability assigned as a reason for retirement shall have been certified to the County Commissioners. This Act shall not apply to the City of Annapolis.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 26, 1941.