

as said sections were amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1941, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

235. The County Commissioners of Caroline County are hereby authorized and empowered to pay annually an amount not exceeding Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00) 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.

236. 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 six following fire companies of Caroline County, viz: The Denton Volunteer Fire Company, of Denton, Maryland; The Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company of Federalsburg, Maryland; Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, of Ridgely, Maryland; Greensboro Volunteer Fire Co., Incorporated; The Marydel Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated, and the Preston Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated.

237. The County Commissioners of Caroline County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually an amount not exceeding Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00) for the above purposes on the assessable property of said Caroline County. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the moneys levied for the purposes of this sub-title to the respective fire companies, the said commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said fire companies to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of said commissioners that any sums of money paid by the said commissioners to the said fire companies under this sub-title have been expended for the purposes set forth in this sub-title, and also that said respective fire companies are active fire fighting organizations. In the event any of the fire companies hereinbefore mentioned cease to remain active fire fighting organizations, or have not used the moneys appropriated to them for the sole purposes set forth in this sub-title, then the County Commissioners are authorized and directed to pay to the other volunteer fire companies mentioned in this sub-title, in equal proportions, the unexpended moneys in the hands of the said County Commissioners.