

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever the Fire Board, created by Section 587 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1939 Edition), shall certify to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County that it is possible, feasible and necessary to expend money for the construction and equipment of a separate Fire Department building for the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, including the purchase of a site for said building, and to acquire certain additional equipment and apparatus for said Fire Department, the County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall forthwith borrow the funds necessary to finance said construction and acquisition and shall evidence said borrowing by the issue and sale, upon its full faith and credit, of its negotiable, serial maturity coupon bonds, provided said bonds can be issued and sold within the limitations, conditions and restrictions contained in this Act. Said certificate shall set forth generally the total amount proposed to be expended on said new Fire Department building, the total amount proposed to be expended for the site of said building, the total amount proposed to be expended for fire fighting equipment and apparatus and the balance, if any, available for contingencies, maintenance, operation and upkeep of said Fire Department and the property thereof. Said certificate shall also clearly state that all necessary Federal priorities or preference rating have been obtained for any critical materials or equipment to be used in the construction of said Fire Department building or for any of the apparatus or equipment to be acquired, and said Fire Board shall state in said certificate its opinion as to whether said critical materials, equipment or apparatus are obtainable in view of present war conditions. At the conclusion of said certificate, said Fire Board shall certify that the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated is ready to proceed with the program and shall request the County Commissioners of Montgomery County to make available to said Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated a sum of money, not exceeding in any event the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), in order to assist said Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated to carry out said program in whole or in part. Upon receipt of said certificate and upon finding the same to be in compliance with the requirements of this section, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall proceed forthwith, by resolution, to provide for the borrowing of the necessary funds and the evidencing of said borrowing by the issue and sale of the coupon bonds of the County. Said bonds may be issued and sold at public or private sale and without referendum, in the discretion of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, and the