

Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new section to be known as Section 603B and to follow immediately after Section 603A of said Code, providing an annual fire tax within a designated area of Prince George's County and relating generally to the disposition of said tax and providing for a referendum thereon.

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the General Assembly of Maryland to provide for the levy, collection and distribution of the Fire Tax as provided in this Act for a period of six (6) years, so that further legislation may be considered during such time and enacted to provide a more equitable levy and distribution based upon the fire-fighting facilities in existence at the time of such future legislation; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Fire Companies", said new section to be known as Section 603B, to follow immediately after Section 603A, and to read as follows:

*603B. (a) There shall be levied and assessed an annual fire tax in the amount of Eight Cents upon each One Hundred Dollars of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property within the 17th (Chillum) Election District, as constituted on January 1, 1953, except that portion which is bounded by the west side of New Hampshire Avenue, the south side of Ethan Allen Avenue, the Takoma Park City boundary line, and the District of Columbia—Maryland State line, but not including property within any incorporated area.*

*(b) The proceeds of the tax collected each of the first two tax years after this Act becomes effective shall be disbursed by the appropriate officer of Prince George's County on the basis of fifty per cent. to the Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and as shown in Sub-section (e), fifty percent. to the authorized fire companies of Mt. Rainier, Brentwood, Hyattsville, College Park, and Riverdale, Maryland.*

*(c) During the next succeeding two-year period the portion of the total annual tax proceeds to be disbursed to the Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., shall be*