

WHEREAS, There is urgent need for ambulance, rescue and life saving service in the First Election District of Anne Arundel County due to the large number of beaches and waterfront communities in the said District and due to the many heavily traveled highways passing through the said District, resulting in many calls for ambulance and rescue service; 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 Anne Arundel County (1947 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "Ambulance and Rescue Companies," said new section to be known as Section 162, to immediately precede Section 163 of said Code and to read as follows:*

*162. (a) The provisions of this section shall only apply to and be effective in the First Election District of Anne Arundel County.*

*(b) The County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County are hereby authorized and directed to levy for the year 1955 and annually thereafter a special tax of not more than two cents (2¢) on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of all real and personal property located in the First Election District of Anne Arundel County.*

*(c) The said special tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other State and County taxes are now levied and collected.*

*(d) The proceeds of the said special tax shall be paid by the County Commissioners semi-annually on June 30 and December 31 of each year to those Volunteer Fire Departments located in the First Election District of Anne Arundel County which have been organized and operate under the approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, and which operate a Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Service.*

*(e) The funds received by the respective Volunteer Fire Companies qualified to receive the proceeds of the said special tax shall be used for the purposes of purchasing, repairing, replacing, operating, maintaining and housing, ambulances and rescue and life saving equipment and for insuring itself and its personnel against any claims for damages resulting from public liability, property damage and/or personal injury.*