

WHEREAS, To effectuate an equitable solution to the problem the County Commissioners of Allegany County should have authority to investigate such matter and make such settlement of the same as the facts may justify; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Allegany County be and they are hereby authorized to make such investigation as they deem proper of the alleged damage caused the water supply of the town of Westernport by the Savage River Dam and to make such settlement with the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport of said alleged damage as the facts may, in the opinion of the County Commissioners, justify. And said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to pay not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars in settlement of any damage they deem caused by the Savage River Dam.

~~Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE, SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved March 29, 1955.

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CHAPTER 159

(House Bill 473)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 257B of Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Talbot County", sub-title "Fire Companies", as said section was amended by Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1949, increasing the amount to be levied by Talbot County for fire companies and the amounts to be paid to certain of said companies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 257B of Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Talbot County", sub-title "Fire Companies", as said section was amended by Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1949, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

257B. The County Commissioners of Talbot County are hereby authorized and directed to appropriate annually the sum of [Ten

**EXPLANATION:** *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.