

CHAPTER 283

(Senate Bill 298)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 34 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments", to include Howard County in the provisions of said Section, clarifying the provisions as to Kent County and to add ambulance duty to the coverage of said Section, relating to firemen under Workmen's Compensation Law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 34 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

34.

(a) Volunteer firemen deemed workmen and engaged in extra-hazardous employment.—All members of all volunteer fire companies in Kent County *and Howard County* while going to or returning from or fighting a fire or while engaged as a member of any *ambulance*, first aid or rescue squad created within such fire companies shall be deemed workmen for wages and engaged in extra-hazardous employment within the meaning of this article.

(b) Wages, salary, etc., upon which compensation based.—Compensation for injury or death shall be based upon the salary or wages received by a volunteer fireman in his private employment. Any volunteer fireman whose income is derived from any source other than salary or wages shall be entitled to the maximum compensation for injury or, in the case of death, his dependents shall be entitled to the maximum compensation for death; provided, however, that where any volunteer fireman is not actively engaged in a business enterprise at the time of his injury or death, compensation for injury or death shall be paid upon the basis of the weekly income last received by him when so engaged; and further provided, that if such fireman has never been engaged in a business enterprise, compensation for injury or death shall be the minimum compensation authorized by this article.

(c) Insurance, tax; limitation on size of companies.—The County Commissioners of Kent County *and Howard County* shall secure compensation to volunteer firemen in case of death, or to their dependents, by insuring the payment of such compensation in the State Accident Fund or in any private stock corporation or mutual association authorized to provide such insurance. The County Commissioners of *Kent County* shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Kent County a tax sufficient to pay for such insurance. *The County Commissioners of Howard County shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Howard County a tax sufficient to*

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.