

303A. The County Commissioners of Dorchester County are hereby authorized and directed to pay annually the sum of ~~[fifteen]~~ *sixteen* thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to the several volunteer fire companies so long as said fire companies remain active bodies, and active fire fighting organizations for their benefit, said sum of money to be used by the respective fire companies for the support, maintenance, equipment, and operation of said volunteer fire companies for the purpose of suppressing fires in said county.

303B. Said payment shall be made on the first day of October in each and every year by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and it shall be distributed to the ~~[thirteen]~~ *fourteen* following fire companies of Dorchester County as follows: To Rescue Fire Company of Cambridge, Md., the sum of \$2,000.00; to Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company of Hurlock, Md., the sum of \$1,500.00; to Vienna Volunteer Fire Company at Vienna, Md., the sum of \$1,250.00; to the Secretary Volunteer Fire Company of Secretary, Md., the sum of \$1,250.00; to the East New Market Volunteer Fire Company of East New Market, the sum of \$1,250.00; to the Eldorado-Brookview Volunteer Fire Company, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Church Creek Volunteer Fire Company, of Church Creek, Maryland, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Lloyd's Volunteer Fire Company of Lloyd's, Maryland, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Madison Volunteer Fire Company of Madison, Maryland, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Neck District Volunteer Fire Company, of Cambridge, Maryland, R. F. D. No. 3, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Lakes and Straits Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., of Wingate, Maryland, the sum of \$1,000.00; Hooper's Island Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., of Hooper's Island, Maryland, the sum of \$1,000.00; to Linkwood Salem District Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., the sum of \$1,000.00; to *Taylor's Island Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., the sum of \$1,000.00*, provided said companies comply with the by-laws of the Volunteer Fire Companies Association of Dorchester County, but no payments shall be made until it does comply with the said by-laws.

303C. The County Commissioners of Dorchester County are hereby authorized and directed to levy annually an amount not exceeding ~~[fifteen]~~ *sixteen* thousand two hundred and fifty dollars ~~[\$15,250.00]~~ *(\$16,250.00)* on the assessable property of said Dorchester County. Before the County Commissioners shall be required to pay the moneys levied for the purposes of this sub-title to the respective fire companies, the said Commissioners shall have the power to require the officers of said fire companies to appear before them and to show to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that any sums of money paid by the said Commissioners to the said fire companies under this sub-title have been expended for the purposes set forth in this sub-title and also that said respective fire companies are active fire fighting organizations. In the event any of the fire companies hereinbefore mentioned cease to remain active fire fighting organizations, or have not used the moneys appropriated to them for the sole purposes set forth in this sub-title, then the County Commissioners are authorized and directed to allocate such unexpended funds to the Contingent fund of Dorchester County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to