

CHAPTER 627

(House Bill 660)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 34(c) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1962 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employment" ~~providing for editorial correction of the Section as it applies to Kent, Howard and Prince George's County, providing for payment of insurance premiums in Prince George's County and eliminating requirement for volunteer fire companies in that County to contribute to the insurance program.~~ RELATING TO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND TO PAYMENT FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING SUCH COMPENSATION.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 34(c) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1962 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(c) The county commissioners of Kent County, AND Howard County and Prince George's County shall secure compensation to volunteer firemen ~~{in case of death, or to their dependents}, or to their dependents in case of death,~~ 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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL SECURE COMPENSATION TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN, OR TO THEIR DEPENDENTS IN CASE OF DEATH, BY INSURING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION IN THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND OR IN ANY PRIVATE STOCK COMPANY OR MUTUAL ASSOCIATION LICENSED TO PROVIDE SUCH INSURANCE. The County Commissioners of Kent County and Prince George's County shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Kent County and Prince George's 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 pay for such insurance. Provided, however, that the active members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to seventy-five members, the active members of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to sixty active members, the active members of the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to fifty active members, and the active members of each of the volunteer fire companies of Kent County shall be limited to forty active members, and that any rescue squad in Kent County shall be limited to a maximum of 25 members and the active members of each of the volunteer fire companies in Howard County shall be limited to seventy-five active members, and only active members shall be covered by the provisions of this section. ~~{~~The County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall pay 40 percent of the cost of such insurance to each volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad