

SEC. 4. *Effective Date.*

This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of *January 1964*.

Approved March 29, 1963.

CHAPTER 232

(House Bill 495)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 92 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County," subtitle "Fire Companies," relating to the sum to be paid annually to the several Volunteer Fire Companies in Wicomico County and to the City of Salisbury.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 92 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County," subtitle "Fire Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

92. Appropriations; conditions.

The County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized to appropriate and levy annually the sum of [Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00),] *Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)*, to be paid to *each* of the several Volunteer Fire Companies in said County, [in such amount or amounts as the said County Commissioners, in their discretion, shall determine,] and to be used for the general maintenance of said Volunteer Fire Companies in said County, including the purchase and repairing of fire apparatus and all other equipment of every kind and character; provided, however, that no payments shall be made to any company or department which has any resolutions or regulations limiting the territory within which it will respond to calls. Each Volunteer Fire Company receiving any of the above funds shall submit an annual report to said County Commissioners, giving a detailed statement of the expenditures of said fund or funds, and no payment shall be made to any Volunteer Fire Company until it shall have submitted [each] *such* report showing the expenditures of said fund for the preceding year. *Any newly organized volunteer fire company in said county shall receive such appropriation only upon the written recommendation of the fire marshal of said county.*

Said county commissioners are further authorized to appropriate and levy annually the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be paid to the City of Salisbury to be used for the support of the fire companies in said city.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved March 29, 1963.