

*Dollars (\$3,000) to the Galena Volunteer Fire Company, the sum of [Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)] Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company and the sum of [One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500)] Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company and the sum of [One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500)] Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the Kennedyville Volunteer Fire Department and the said County Commissioners are authorized to levy yearly upon the assessable property of Kent County a rate of tax sufficient to produce the sum or sums so to be annually paid to the said fire companies.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 475

(Senate Bill 127)

AN ACT to add new Section 149A(c) to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Practitioners of Medicine", to follow immediately after Section 149A(b) thereof and ~~to govern liability of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses for civil damages under certain circumstances.~~ TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES FOR MEDICAL AID, CARE AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED AT AN ACCIDENT, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING A DEFENSE TO SUITS ARISING OUT OF SERVICES RENDERED AT AN ACCIDENT.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 149A(c) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Practitioners of Medicine", to follow immediately after Section 149A(b) thereof, to read as follows:*

149A.

*(e) Registered Nurses under this Article and Licensed Practical Nurses under this Article shall not be liable for damages as provided in subsection (a) except for gross negligence, and shall have the defense provided therein, except for gross negligence.*

(C) REGISTERED NURSES UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE SAME IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL DAMAGES AND THE SAME DEFENSES AS ARE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) FOR PHYSICIANS.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.