

*Commissioner may take an assignment of such wage claim in trust for the assigning employee and may bring any legal action necessary to collect such claim, and the employer shall be required to pay the costs and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be allowed by the court. The Commissioner, in case of suit, shall have the power to join various claimants against the same employer in one action.*

91. *Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to interfere with, impede, or in any way diminish the right of employees to bargain collectively with their employers through representatives of their own choosing in order to establish wages or other conditions of work in excess of the applicable minimum under the provisions of this Act.*

92. *If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.*

93. *This Act shall be known as the "Minimum Wage Act of the State of Maryland."*

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

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 698

(Senate Bill 594)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 122 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1964 Supplement, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "Fire Companies", to increase the annual sums appropriated by the Charles County Commissioners to rescue squads in the county, to change the number of companies receiving payments, to require annual inspections of rescue squads by the Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad Association, reports of inspections, and to withhold and reallocate funds for failure to meet standards, and relating generally to rescue squads in Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 122 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1964 Supplement, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County", sub-title "Fire Companies", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

122.

(a) The County Commissioners shall pay the sum of **[\$2,000]** ~~six thousand dollars (\$6,000)~~ **THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500)** annually to each of the following rescue squads of the County: