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Approved May 6, 1966.

CHAPTER 544

(Senate Bill 579)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 77 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County", subtitle "Fire Companies", authorizing the County Commissioners to make certain discretionary payments to rescue squads in St. Mary's County based on the number of calls to which such squads respond, establishing the purposes to which such payments are to be applied, subdividing the applicable section of the County Code, and relating generally to supplementary payments to rescue squads in St. Mary's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 77 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County", subtitle "Fire Companies", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

77. (a) The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to pay annually from the general county funds a *base* sum not to exceed ~~fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~ TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) each, to so many of the active rescue squads in St. Mary's County as they shall determine.

(b) *In addition to the above, the County Commissioners are authorized to pay to any such squad which has responded to a number of calls in excess of two hundred in any year, an additional sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each one hundred calls responded to in excess of the first two hundred in such year. Unless the County Commissioners shall otherwise direct, any additional sum paid under this subsection shall be used exclusively for the purchase of medical supplies and the maintenance of existing equipment, and any squad receiving any such additional sum shall maintain records detailing the expenditure thereof which shall always be open to the inspection of the County Commissioners.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1966.

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