WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland recognizes the pressing need for improved police protection for the citizens of this State on a local level, and

WHEREAS, As a means towards the ensuring of this goal additional monies are urgently and immediately required by local governments for this purpose, now therefore:

There is hereby established as a part of the tax reform provisions of this Act, a fund to be known as the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, for the apportioning of revenue out of the general funds of the State to the subdivisions and municipalities for improved police protection, such Fund to continue on a year to year basis until such time as a more permanent program for the financing of local government needs for improved police protection can be formulated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 35 to 38 inclusive be and they are hereby added to Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Budget and Procurement," subtitle "Purchases," to follow immediately after Section 34 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "State Aid for Police Protection Fund" to read as follows:

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State Aid For Police Protection Fund

35.

There is hereby created out of the general funds of the State a fund to be known as the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, to be used for the purpose and distributed in the manner hereinafter specified.

36.

The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is intended for and shall be used exclusively to provide more adequate police protection in the subdivisions of the State by contributing to local expenditures for police services. The word "subdivision" as used in this subtitle means any county of the State of Maryland or Baltimore City.

37.

(a) Distribution to the subdivisions shall be as prescribed in the following schedule. Distributions shown for municipalities in a subdivision shall be paid by the subdivision to such municipalities.

(b)	*State distribution to Allegany County*	*$ 227,984.00*
	Allegany County distributions to municipalities:	
	Barton	*336*
	Cumberland	*161,829*
	Frostburg	*27,900*
	Lonaconing	*5,465*
	Luke	*2,713*
	Midland	*583*
	Westernport	*20,278*