

persons, associations of persons or corporations. In Washington County, the County Commissioners are authorized to pay out of the fund claims for damages to shrubbery and trees, and for damages to personal property of any kind. The provisions of this section dealing with the maintenance of a separate fund designated "the dog license fund" are not applicable to Harford [.] and Allegany Counties. In Harford County and in Allegany County all such monies collected and all such claims paid shall be from general funds of the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 297

(House Bill 388)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 159 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Fire Companies"; to repeal Sections 160 and 162 of said Article and subtitle; and to enact a new Section 160 in lieu of the Section 160 so repealed, revising the provisions concerning payments made to the several fire companies, fire departments, and volunteer fire companies in Allegany County and providing generally for the payments to be made to these organizations and agencies by the County Commissioners of Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 159 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Fire Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Sections 160 and 162 of said Article and subtitle be and they are hereby repealed, and that a new Section 160 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu of the Section 160 so repealed, and all to read as follows:

159.

The County Commissioners of Allegany County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of **[\$22,813.40]** \$46,950.00 annually to the several volunteer and other fire companies so long as said fire companies remain incorporated bodies, for their benefit, said sum of money to be used by the respective fire companies for the purchase, repair or maintenance of fire fighting equipment or for the repair, maintenance or upkeep of buildings used by the respective fire companies.

[160.

Said payment shall be made on the first day of October in each and every year by the County Commissioners of Allegany County, and it shall be distributed as follows: To the Frostburg Fire Depart-