

of land for and ~~and~~ construction of an airport in St. Mary's County. The said Commissioners may not borrow said sum, or any part thereof, unless, in addition and at the time, federal and state funds have been committed to the project for which the proceeds of the loan authorized hereunder are to be used. The indebtedness incurred as provided herein shall be repaid over a period of ten (10) years, with interest.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.

CHAPTER 145
(House Bill 389)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 123(f) of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Fire Companies," to provide for the lowering of payments to fire departments by the County Commissioners from the general fund in certain circumstances.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 123(f) of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Fire Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

123.

(f) In addition to the Fire Tax benefits, the County Commissioners of Charles County are authorized and directed to pay out of the general funds of the County on July 1st of each year, \$6,000.00 to each of the various Fire Departments in Charles County. *On July 1st of the year that the assessable tax base of Charles County exceeds 265 million dollars, this amount shall be reduced to \$3,000.00 which sum shall continue each year thereafter until such time that the assessable tax base of Charles County exceeds 325 million dollars. On July 1st of that year and each year thereafter this amount shall be further reduced to \$500.00.* This sum is to be used by the various Fire Departments for the purposes outlined in 123(e). The Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners shall consider these payments in determining the amounts due the various fire departments under the formula distribution plan and in determining whether excess proceeds exist.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.