

*OR STATEMENT OF ANY MAKER OR BUYER SHALL CONSTITUTE A VALID WAIVER OF ANY BENEFIT, DEFENSE OR PROTECTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND NO INSTRUMENT OR AGREEMENT SHALL CONTAIN ANY TERM, CONDITION OR CLAUSE WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall apply to all such assignments which occur on or after July 1, 1972.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.

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CHAPTER 709  
(House Bill 749)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 77(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1971 Supplement, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Fire Companies," to provide that the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall pay annually to the active rescue squads an amount they shall determine and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 77(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1971 Supplement, 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the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Fire Companies," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 two thousand dollars (\$2,000) each,] to [so many of] the active rescue squads in St. Mary's County as they shall determine.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.

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CHAPTER 710  
(House Bill 760)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt, in the aggregate amount of ~~One Hundred Fifty-two Thousand Nine Hundred and One Dollars and Thirty-two Cents (\$152,901.32)~~, ONE HUNDRED