the active members of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to sixty active members, the active members of the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to fifty active members, and the active members of each of the volunteer fire companies of Kent County shall be limited to forty active members, and that any rescue squad in Kent County shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five members and the active members of each of the volunteer fire companies in Howard County shall be limited [to seventy-five active members, as follows: Company 1, Elkridge; Company 2, Ellicott City; Company 3, West Friendship; Company 4, Lisbon, 50 members each; Company 5, Clarksville, 75 members; Company 6, Savage, 60 members, and only active members shall be covered by the provisions of this section. The County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall pay 40 percent of the cost of such insurance to each volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad company and the volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad company shall pay 60 percent of the cost of said insurance; and the County Commissioners of Prince George's County shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Prince George's County a tax sufficient to pay for such portion of the cost of such insurance.

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

Approved April 26, 1972.

## CHAPTER 119

(Senate Bill 923)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), the proceeds thereof to be used exclusively for purpose of supplementing grants made to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for public and other nonprofit nursing homes in this State by the Federal Government under the provisions of "Subchapter IV—Construction of Hospitals and Other Facilities," USCA, Title 42, Sections 291, et seq., as amended from time to time, by granting financial allotments for the construction and equipping of such nursing homes, and providing generally for the issue and sale of Certificates of Indebtedness BONDS evidencing such loan, and providing for a certain contingency whereby this Act may be repealed and of no further effect.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a State Loan to be known as the "Nursing Home Loan of 1972," in the aggregate amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

The certificates of indebtedness (hereinafter called "bonds") evidencing said loan may be issued all at one time or, in groups, from time to time, as hereinafter provided. All of said bonds evidencing said loan, or any group thereof, shall be issued according to a serial maturity plan to be established in the resolution authorizing the issuance of said loan or any portions PORTION thereof, which plan