

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 34(b) and (c) of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

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(b) Compensation for injury or death shall be based upon the salary or wages received by a volunteer fireman OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADMAN in his private employment. Any volunteer fireman OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADMAN whose income is derived from any source other than salary or wages shall be entitled to the maximum compensation for injury or, in the case of death, his dependents shall be entitled to the maximum compensation for death; provided, however, that where any volunteer fireman OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADMAN is not actively engaged in a business enterprise at the time of his injury or death, compensation for injury or death shall be paid upon the basis of the weekly income last received by him when so engaged; and further provided, that if such fireman OR RESCUE SQUADMAN has never been engaged in a business enterprise, compensation for injury or death shall be the minimum compensation authorized by this article.

(c) The County Commissioners of Kent County and County Council of Howard County shall secure compensation to volunteer firemen OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADMEN or to their dependents in case of death of such firemen OR RESCUE SQUADMEN, by insuring the payment of such compensation in the State Accident Fund or in any private stock corporation or mutual association authorized to provide such insurance. The County Commissioners of Prince George's County and the County Council of Anne Arundel shall serve compensation to volunteer firemen, OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADMEN, or to their dependents in case of death, by insuring the payment of such compensation in the State Accident Fund or in any private stock company or mutual association licensed to provide such insurance. The County Commissioners of Kent County shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Kent County a tax sufficient to pay for such insurance. The County Council of Howard County shall annually levy upon the assessable property of Howard County a tax sufficient to pay for such insurance. Provided, however, that the [active] members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to [seventy-five] 75 members, the [active] members of the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company shall be limited to [sixty active] 60 members, the [active]