or apply to the salary of the persons specified by this Act in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the persons specified by this Act shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 602

(House Bill 1855)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - County Commissioners

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to appropriate to individual volunteer firemen a service award and providing for certain retroactive payments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Carroll County Section 3-8 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1976 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-8 of the Public Local Laws of Carroll County being Article 7 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1976 Edition, as amended) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 7

3-8.

(A) The County Commissioners of Carroll County shall annually levy and collect from the assessable property in Carroll County, as other county taxes are levied and collected the sum of up to 6¢ per \$100.00 of the value of such property, which sum of money the County Commissioners shall distribute and pay to the volunteer fire companies, EXCEPT AS NOTED IN SECTION 3-8(B), in the county for the support, maintenance, equipment (including ambulances) and operation of the volunteer fire companies; and said sum of money shall be proportioned and distributed among the volunteer fire companies upon