

CHAPTER 756

(House Bill 88)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Fire and Rescue Tax

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to levy a certain fire and rescue tax; providing for the allocation and distribution of the fire and rescue tax; requiring that the funds received by certain fire departments and rescue squads be used for specific purposes; authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to pay additional funds to various fire departments and rescue squads as they deem necessary; providing for the use of excess proceeds from the fire and rescue tax; providing for certain inspections of fire department and rescue squad equipment and apparatus; providing for the withholding of funds for failure to comply with certain standards; repealing provisions establishing and providing for a retirement program for certain members of the Charles County Volunteer Fire Companies and Volunteer Rescue Squads; providing for distribution of funds if a fire department or rescue squad in Charles County ceases to be an active fire fighting or rescue organization; establishing a certain method for a fire department or rescue squad receiving benefits to obligate itself or expend funds for certain capital expenditures; requiring the submission of certain financial statements to certain county officials; including a certain rescue squad within the terms of this Act, and authorizing certain acts of the County Commissioners of Charles County; establishing a retirement program for certain members of the Charles County Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads; providing qualifications for certain fire company and rescue squad members to receive retirement benefits; providing for the amount of retirement benefits and administration of the retirement program; requiring the County Commissioners of Charles County to administer the retirement program for certain volunteer ~~firemen and--rescue-squadmen~~ fire and rescue squad members; providing a certain maximum ceiling for benefits paid for certain services under certain circumstances; changing the composition of the membership of the Board of Fire and Rescue Commissioners; providing that such changes do not affect the current membership of the Board; and generally relating to the Charles County rescue and fire tax and retirement program for volunteer ~~firemen-and-rescue-squadmen~~ fire and rescue squad members.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 123, 124, 125, and 127