

(c) (1) Anne Arundel County, [Howard County,] Prince George's County, and Kent County, shall secure compensation to volunteer firemen and volunteer rescue squadmen, or to their dependents in the case of death, by means of insurance in the State Accident Fund, or in any private stock company or mutual association licensed to provide such insurance.

(2) The [County Council of Howard County and the] County Commissioners of Kent County shall levy annually a tax upon the assessable property of their [respective counties] COUNTY sufficient to pay for the required insurance.

(3) [Membership in volunteer fire companies in Howard County is limited as follows: Company 1, Elkridge, 60 members; Company 2, Ellicott City, 75 members; Company 3, West Friendship, 50 members; Company 4, Lisbon, 75 members; Company 5, Clarksville, 75 members; and Company 6, Savage, 60 members. Only actively participating members are covered by this section.]

(I) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF RESCUE SQUADS.

(II) HOWARD COUNTY SHALL SECURE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION TO VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS THROUGH ANY METHOD ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) Only actively participating members are covered by this section. The County Commissioners of Kent County may set a ceiling on the number of members that any volunteer fire company and any rescue squad in Kent County may have.

(5) The County Council of Prince George's County shall appropriate and pay over annually to each volunteer fire company or rescue squad funds equal to 100 percent of the cost to each company or squad of the required insurance, and each company or squad shall use these funds to pay for the required insurance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

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CHAPTER 179

(House Bill 332)

AN ACT concerning