

CHAPTER 431

(House Bill 714)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Taxes - Volunteer Fire Companies

FOR the purpose of removing a certain monetary limitation on the amount of taxes that the Carroll County Commissioners may levy and collect from certain assessable property to pay for certain activities and operations of volunteer fire companies in Carroll County; and generally relating to the collection of certain taxes for the support of volunteer fire companies in Carroll County.

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 and 1987 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 7 - Carroll County

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] A sum of [up to 8 cents per \$100.00 of the value of such property, which sum of] money THAT IS NEEDED FOR the County Commissioners [shall] TO 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]. THE sum of money AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION shall be proportioned and distributed among the volunteer fire companies pursuant to a plan adopted by the executive committee of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association and approved by the County Commissioners.

(B) The County Commissioners may provide service award payments from such appropriations as provided for in Section 3-8(A) to eligible volunteer firemen as certified by the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The payments may be made to those individuals who have met the adopted plan requirements as approved by the County Commissioners. The service award