

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as used herein, "County" means the body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Carroll County; "Construction of additions and improvements to Volunteer Fire Departments in Carroll County, Maryland" includes the construction, reconstruction, development, improvement, modernization of buildings and facilities of the volunteer fire departments including planning, architectural and engineering services, including the preparation of plans, drawings and specifications for such buildings and facilities and the development of the grounds and landscaping thereof, and all customary permanent appurtenances, furnishings, and equipment appropriate to the full use thereof; and "purchase of fire and emergency related equipment by the volunteer fire departments" includes the purchase of vehicles and any other equipment related to the provision of emergency services in Carroll County by the volunteer fire departments.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County is hereby authorized and empowered to make a loan to each and every volunteer fire department in Carroll County, Maryland, upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the County to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the volunteer fire departments as defined in Section 1 of this Act, and to finance the purchase of fire and emergency related equipment by the volunteer fire departments, as defined in Section 1 of this Act, and, in order to make such loan and financing possible, the County is hereby granted the power and authority to borrow money and incur indebtedness for such purpose, from time to time, in an amount not exceeding the sum of \$2,000,000, and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale upon its full faith and credit of its serial maturity, general obligation bonds in like par amount, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Such bonds may be issued from time to time, in one or more groups or series, as funds for such buildings and facilities become necessary, provided, however, that the total debt which may be incurred pursuant to the authority of this Act shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the foregoing limitations, the County, before borrowing any money or issuing any bonds pursuant to this authority of the Act, shall adopt a resolution describing the projects of construction, reconstruction, development, improvement, and modernization of buildings and facilities of the volunteer fire departments and/or the emergency related equipment for which the borrowing or indebtedness is intended, the amount needed for the purposes in the aggregate, and determining to borrow money or incur indebtedness for all or a part of the amount so needed, and to issue its bonds to evidence such borrowing or indebtedness. Each series or group of the bonds shall be issued to mature in annual hereunder, the above mentioned resolution of the County shall likewise fix the terms and conditions of the public sale of such