

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 457

(House Bill 940)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Length of Service Award Program - Funds

FOR the purpose of requiring the County Commissioners of Carroll County to provide service award payments to certain volunteer firemen from a certain special fund; requiring that a certain special fund be established as an endowment; specifying that certain provisions of law regarding certain investments of money made by counties do not apply to the deposit and investment of money in a certain special fund; and generally relating to a special fund for the length of service award program in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Carroll County

Section 3-206

Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2000 Edition and October 2002 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

3-206.

(a) The County Commissioners of Carroll County shall annually levy and collect from the assessable property in Carroll County, as other taxes are levied and collected, a sum of money that is needed for the County Commissioners to distribute and pay to the volunteer fire companies, except as noted in subsection (b) of this section, in the County for the support, maintenance, equipment (including ambulances) and operation of the volunteer fire companies. The sum of money authorized by this section 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 shall provide service award payments from [appropriations as provided for in subsection (a) of this section] A SPECIAL FUND to eligible volunteer firemen as certified by the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association. THE SPECIAL FUND SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS AN ENDOWMENT. The payments shall be made to those individuals who have met the adopted plan