
By: **Cecil County Delegation**

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CHAPTER 64

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies - Maintenance and**
3 **Operations Appropriations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the tax rate in Cecil County on certain assessable
5 property to reflect a change in the statewide tax assessment ratios; providing for
6 the distribution of certain moneys for ambulance services to certain additional
7 fire companies; altering the amount of money allocated to support certain
8 ambulance services; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
9 relating to the funding of volunteer fire or fire and ambulance companies in
10 Cecil County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County
13 Section 37-1
14 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (1989 Edition and November 2001 Supplement, as amended)

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

18 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

19 37-1.

20 A. The Board of County Commissioners shall levy on the assessable property
21 in Cecil County, annually, the sum equivalent to [six cents (\$0.06)] ~~\$-.024~~ 2.4 CENTS
22 per one hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation of taxable property within the

1 county for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance and operation of nine (9)
 2 volunteer fire or fire and ambulance companies in Cecil County.

3 B. The levy shall be made June 1 and the sum of money to be paid by the
 4 Board of County Commissioners to each volunteer fire or fire and ambulance
 5 company shall be paid on or before September 1 of the fiscal year for which levied.

6 C. Amount.

7 (1) The sum of twenty-nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$29,600.)
 8 shall be allocated among the nine (9) volunteer fire companies as follows:

9	(I)	Cecilton Fire Company, Inc.	\$3,100
10	(II)	Charlestown Fire Company, Inc.	3,000
11	(III)	Chesapeake City Fire Company	3,200
12	(IV)	Community Fire Company of Perryville	2,900
13	(V)	Hack's Point Fire Company	2,400
14	(VI)	North East Fire Company	3,600
15	(VII)	Rising Sun Fire Company	3,600
16	(VIII)	Singerly Fire Company of Elkton	4,200
17	(IX)	Water Witch Fire Company at Port Deposit	3,600

18 (2) The sum of [seven] NINE thousand dollars [(\$7,000.)] (\$9,000) shall
 19 be allocated to support ambulance service as follows:

20	(I)	CECILTON FIRE COMPANY, INC.	\$1,000
21	[(I)] (II)	Charlestown Fire Company, Inc.	[\$]1,000
22	[(II)] (III)	Chesapeake City Fire Company	1,000
23	[(III)] (IV)	Community Fire Company of Perryville	1,000
24	(V)	HACK'S POINT FIRE COMPANY	1,000
25	[(IV)] (VI)	North East Fire Company	1,000
26	[(V)] (VII)	Rising Sun Fire Company	1,000
27	[(VI)] (VIII)	Singerly Fire Company of Elkton	1,000
28	[(VII)] (IX)	Water Witch Fire Company at Port Deposit	1,000

29 D. Allocation.

1 (1) The amount equivalent to [five cents (\$0.05)] ~~\$.02~~ 2 CENTS per one
2 hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation of taxable property in the county minus
3 the [thirty-six] THIRTY-EIGHT thousand six hundred dollars [(\$36,600.)] (\$38,600.)
4 required in Subsection C of this section shall be allocated among the nine (9)
5 volunteer fire companies in the exact proportion which the assessed valuation of
6 taxable property within the district served by each volunteer fire company bears to
7 the assessed valuation of taxable property within the county.

8 (2) The district served by each volunteer fire company shall be
9 determined by the Cecil County Firemen's Association and the assessed valuation of
10 taxable property within each district shall be certified by the Supervisor of
11 Assessments for Cecil County based on the date of finality prior to the fiscal year in
12 which the distribution is to be made.

13 E. The sum equivalent to [one cent (\$0.01)] ~~\$.004~~ 0.4 CENT per one hundred
14 dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation of taxable property in the county shall be
15 distributed by the Board of County Commissioners to the nine (9) volunteer fire or
16 fire and ambulance companies in equal allocations.

17 F. In order to be eligible for any of the funds provided for in this section, each
18 of the nine (9) volunteer fire or fire and ambulance companies named herein shall
19 meet the minimum specifications and standards approved by the Cecil County
20 Firemen's Association.

21 G. Each volunteer fire or fire and ambulance company shall file, annually
22 with the Board of County Commissioners, a statement of:

- 23 (1) The fair value of the company's fire fighting apparatus;
- 24 (2) The fair value of the company's ambulance;
- 25 (3) The number of fires and other emergencies to which their respective
26 company was called;
- 27 (4) The estimated value of the property in which the fires occurred; and
- 28 (5) The estimated loss to the property caused by the fires.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
30 effect ~~October 1, 2002~~ June 1, 2002 and shall be applicable to all taxable years
31 beginning after June 30, 2002.

