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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to the funding of volunteer fire or
9 fire and ambulance companies in Cecil County.

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

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

17 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

18 37-1.

19 A. The Board of County Commissioners shall levy on the assessable property
20 in Cecil County, annually, the sum equivalent to [six cents (\$0.06)] \$.024 per one
21 hundred dollars (\$100.) of assessed valuation of taxable property within the county
22 for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance and operation of nine (9) volunteer
23 fire or fire and ambulance companies in Cecil County.

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

27 C. Amount.

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

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

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

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

23 D. Allocation.

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

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

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

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

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

- 16 (1) The fair value of the company's fire fighting apparatus;
- 17 (2) The fair value of the company's ambulance;
- 18 (3) The number of fires and other emergencies to which their respective
19 company was called;
- 20 (4) The estimated value of the property in which the fires occurred; and
- 21 (5) The estimated loss to the property caused by the fires.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
23 effect October 1, 2002.