
By: **Delegate Elmore**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Fire Companies - Appropriations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the County Commissioners of Somerset County to
 4 appropriate to certain organized volunteer fire companies in the county certain
 5 amounts for certain fiscal years; mandating that the required appropriations for
 6 fiscal year 2010 shall remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered
 7 by a future enactment; and generally relating to appropriations for organized
 8 volunteer fire companies in Somerset County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 10 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
 11 Section 2-304
 12 Article 20 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
 13 (2003 Edition, as amended)
 14 (As enacted by Chapter 343 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004)

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

17 **Article 20 - Somerset County**

18 2-304.

19 (a) (1) The County Commissioners shall appropriate and levy annually the
 20 following amounts for the use of the organized volunteer fire companies in the
 21 County:

22 [Fire Company	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
23 Crisfield Volunteer Fire Company	\$48,200	\$49,400	\$50,600	\$51,850	\$53,150
24 Princess Anne Volunteer Fire					
25 Company	\$48,200	\$49,400	\$50,600	\$51,850	\$53,150
26 Marion Volunteer Fire Company	\$30,700	\$31,500	\$32,250	\$33,000	\$33,800
27 Deal Island-Chance Volunteer Fire					
28 Department	\$26,700	\$27,350	\$28,000	\$28,700	\$29,400

1 Ewell Fire Department, Inc., of						
2 Smith Island	\$21,300	\$21,800	\$22,350	\$22,900	\$23,450	
3 Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire						
4 Company, Inc.	\$21,300	\$21,800	\$22,350	\$22,900	\$23,450	
5 Fairmount Volunteer Fire						
6 Company	\$21,300	\$21,800	\$22,350	\$22,900	\$23,450	
7 Tylerton Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,900	\$ 7,050	\$ 7,250]	
8 FIRE COMPANY	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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10 CRISFIELD VOLUNTEER						
11 FIRE COMPANY	\$48,200	\$53,150	\$54,500	\$55,850	\$57,250	\$58,700
12 PRINCESS ANNE						
13 VOLUNTEER FIRE						
14 COMPANY	\$48,200	\$53,150	\$54,500	\$55,850	\$57,250	\$58,700
15 MARION VOLUNTEER						
16 FIRE COMPANY	\$30,700	\$33,800	\$34,650	\$35,500	\$36,400	\$37,350
17 DEAL ISLAND-CHANCE						
18 VOLUNTEER						
19 FIRE COMPANY	\$26,700	\$29,400	\$30,150	\$30,900	\$31,700	\$32,500
20 EWELL FIRE						
21 DEPARTMENT, INC.						
22 OF SMITH ISLAND	\$21,300	\$23,450	\$24,050	\$24,650	\$25,250	\$25,900
23 MOUNT VERNON						
24 VOLUNTEER FIRE						
25 COMPANY, INC.	\$21,300	\$29,400	\$30,150	\$30,900	\$31,700	\$32,500
26 TYLERTON VOLUNTEER						
27 FIRE COMPANY	\$ 6,600	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,450	\$ 7,650	\$ 7,850	\$ 8,050
28 FAIRMOUNT VOLUNTEER						
29 FIRE COMPANY	\$21,300	\$29,400	\$30,150	\$30,900	\$31,700	\$32,500

30 (2) The required appropriation for fiscal year [2005] 2010 shall remain
 31 in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by future enactment.

32 (b) (1) From the money appropriated for each of the fire companies in
 33 subsection (a) of this section:

34 (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, \$5,000 shall be
 35 placed into a capital account by the respective fire companies, and shall be used only
 36 for capital expenditures, such as purchasing, operating, and repairing fire apparatus
 37 and equipment; and

38 (ii) \$1,000 shall be placed into a capital account by the Tylerton
 39 Volunteer Fire Company, and shall be used only for capital expenditures, such as
 40 purchasing, operating, and repairing fire apparatus and equipment.

41 (2) Payments may not be made to any company which has any
 42 regulations or resolutions limiting the territory within which it will respond to calls.

1 (c) Each fire company receiving County funds shall provide an accounting of
2 the expenditures of the funds to the County Commissioners.

3 (d) The County Commissioners may levy for and appropriate funds annually
4 for emergency services provided by any volunteer fire company or rescue squad if the
5 volunteer fire company or rescue squad is operated on a not for profit basis.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2005.