

HOUSE BILL 198

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Fire Company – 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; requiring that the appropriations required for a
6 certain fiscal year remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by
7 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 and 2007 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 20 – Somerset County**

17 2–304.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



| | [FY 2005] FY 2010 | [FY 2006] FY 2011 | [FY 2007] FY 2012 | [FY 2008] FY 2013 | [FY 2009] FY 2014 | [FY 2010] FY 2015 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Fire Company | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | |
| 4 Crisfield | [\$48,200] | [\$53,150] | [\$54,500] | [\$55,850] | [\$57,250] | [\$58,700] |
| 5 Volunteer Fire | \$58,700 | \$60,200 | \$61,750 | \$63,300 | \$64,900 | \$66,550 |
| 6 Company | | | | | | |
| 7 Princess Anne | [\$48,200] | [\$53,150] | [\$54,500] | [\$55,850] | [\$57,250] | [\$58,700] |
| 8 Volunteer Fire | \$58,700 | \$60,200 | \$61,750 | \$63,300 | \$64,900 | \$66,550 |
| 9 Company | | | | | | |
| 10 Marion | [\$30,700] | [\$33,800] | [\$34,650] | [\$35,500] | [\$36,400] | [\$37,350] |
| 11 Volunteer Fire | \$37,350 | \$38,300 | \$39,300 | \$40,300 | \$41,350 | \$42,400 |
| 12 Company | | | | | | |
| 13 Deal Island– | [\$26,700] | [\$29,400] | [\$30,150] | [\$30,900] | [\$31,700] | [\$32,500] |
| 14 Chance | \$32,500 | \$33,350 | \$34,200 | \$35,100 | \$36,000 | \$36,900 |
| 15 Volunteer Fire | | | | | | |
| 16 Company | | | | | | |
| 17 Ewell Fire | [\$21,300] | [\$23,450] | [\$24,050] | [\$24,650] | [\$25,250] | [\$25,900] |
| 18 Department, | \$25,900 | \$26,550 | \$27,250 | \$27,950 | \$28,650 | \$29,400 |
| 19 Inc., of Smith | | | | | | |
| 20 Island | | | | | | |
| 21 Mount Vernon | [\$21,300] | [\$29,400] | [\$30,150] | [\$30,900] | [\$31,700] | [\$32,500] |
| 22 Volunteer Fire | \$32,500 | \$33,350 | \$34,200 | \$35,100 | \$36,000 | \$36,900 |
| 23 Company, Inc. | | | | | | |
| 24 Tylerton | [\$6,600] | [\$7,250] | [\$7,450] | [\$7,650] | [\$7,850] | [\$8,050] |
| 25 Volunteer Fire | \$8,050 | \$8,250 | \$8,500 | \$8,750 | \$9,000 | \$9,250 |
| 26 Company | | | | | | |
| 27 Fairmount | [\$21,300] | [\$29,400] | [\$30,150] | [\$30,900] | [\$31,700] | [\$32,500] |
| 28 Volunteer Fire | \$32,500 | \$33,500 | \$34,200 | \$35,100 | \$36,000 | \$36,900 |
| 29 Company | | <u>\$33,350</u> | | | | |

30 (2) The required appropriation for fiscal year [2010] **2015** shall
31 remain 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
35 shall be placed into a capital account by the respective fire companies, and shall be
36 used only for capital expenditures, such as purchasing, operating, and repairing fire
37 apparatus 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.

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

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

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

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.