

CHAPTER 254

(Senate Bill 378)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Fire Company – Appropriations

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
 Section 2–304
 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2003 Edition and 2007 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 20 – Somerset County

2–304.

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

Fire Company	[FY 2005]	[FY 2006]	[FY 2007]	[FY 2008]	[FY 2009]	[FY 2010]
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY2015
Crisfield Volunteer Fire Company	[\$48,200] \$58,700	[\$53,150] \$60,200	[\$54,500] \$61,750	[\$55,850] \$63,300	[\$57,250] \$64,900	[\$58,700] \$66,550
Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company	[\$48,200] \$58,700	[\$53,150] \$60,200	[\$54,500] \$61,750	[\$55,850] \$63,300	[\$57,250] \$64,900	[\$58,700] \$66,550
Marion Volunteer Fire Company	[\$30,700] \$37,350	[\$33,800] \$38,300	[\$34,650] \$39,300	[\$35,500] \$40,300	[\$36,400] \$41,350	[\$37,350] \$42,400
Deal Island–	[\$26,700]	[\$29,400]	[\$30,150]	[\$30,900]	[\$31,700]	[\$32,500]

Chance Volunteer Fire Company	\$32,500	\$33,350	\$34,200	\$35,100	\$36,000	\$36,900
Ewell Fire Department, Inc., of Smith Island	[\$21,300] \$25,900	[\$23,450] \$26,550	[\$24,050] \$27,250	[\$24,650] \$27,950	[\$25,250] \$28,650	[\$25,900] \$29,400
Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.	[\$21,300] \$32,500	[\$29,400] \$33,350	[\$30,150] \$34,200	[\$30,900] \$35,100	[\$31,700] \$36,000	[\$32,500] \$36,900
Tylerton Volunteer Fire Company	[\$6,600] \$8,050	[\$7,250] \$8,250	[\$7,450] \$8,500	[\$7,650] \$8,750	[\$7,850] \$9,000	[\$8,050] \$9,250
Fairmount Volunteer Fire Company	[\$21,300] \$32,500	[\$29,400] \$33,500 \$33,350	[\$30,150] \$34,200	[\$30,900] \$35,100	[\$31,700] \$36,000	[\$32,500] \$36,900

(2) The required appropriation for fiscal year [2010] **2015** shall remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by future enactment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.