

# HOUSE BILL 976

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## 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; requiring that the appropriations required for a  
6 certain fiscal year remain in effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by a  
7 future enactment; and generally relating to appropriations for organized volunteer  
8 fire companies in Somerset County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County  
11 Section 2–304(a)  
12 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (2015 Edition, as amended)  
14 (As enacted by Chapters 327 and 328 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 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 County:

21 Fire	[FY 2019]	[FY 2020]	[FY 2021]	[FY 2022]	[FY 2023]	[FY 2024]
22 Company	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	Volunteer	[\$67,881.00]	[\$69,238.62]	[\$70,623.39]	[\$72,035.86]	[\$73,476.58]	[\$74,946.11]
2	Fire	<b>\$76,445.03</b>	<b>\$77,973.93</b>	<b>\$79,533.41</b>	<b>\$81,124.08</b>	<b>\$82,746.56</b>	<b>\$84,401.49</b>
3	Company						
4	Princess Anne						
5	Volunteer	[\$67,881.00]	[\$69,238.62]	[\$70,623.39]	[\$72,035.86]	[\$73,476.58]	[\$74,946.11]
6	Fire	<b>\$76,445.03</b>	<b>\$77,973.93</b>	<b>\$79,533.41</b>	<b>\$81,124.08</b>	<b>\$82,746.56</b>	<b>\$84,401.49</b>
7	Company						
8	Marion						
9	Volunteer	[\$43,248.00]	[\$44,112.96]	[\$44,995.22]	[\$45,895.12]	[\$46,813.03]	[\$47,749.29]
10	Fire	<b>\$48,704.28</b>	<b>\$49,678.37</b>	<b>\$50,671.93</b>	<b>\$51,685.37</b>	<b>\$52,719.08</b>	<b>\$53,773.46</b>
11	Company						
12	Deal Island-						
13	Chance						
14	Volunteer	[\$37,638.00]	[\$38,390.76]	[\$39,158.58]	[\$39,941.75]	[\$40,740.58]	[\$41,555.39]
15	Fire	<b>\$42,386.50</b>	<b>\$43,234.23</b>	<b>\$44,098.91</b>	<b>\$44,980.89</b>	<b>\$45,880.51</b>	<b>\$46,798.12</b>
16	Company						
17	Ewell Fire						
18	Department,						
19	Inc., of	[\$29,988.00]	[\$30,587.76]	[\$31,199.52]	[\$31,823.51]	[\$32,459.98]	[\$33,109.18]
20	Smith	<b>\$33,771.36</b>	<b>\$34,446.79</b>	<b>\$35,135.72</b>	<b>\$35,838.44</b>	<b>\$36,555.21</b>	<b>\$37,286.31</b>
21	Island						
22	Mount Vernon						
23	Volunteer						
24	Fire	[\$37,638.00]	[\$38,390.76]	[\$39,158.58]	[\$39,941.75]	[\$40,740.58]	[\$41,555.39]
25	Company,	<b>\$42,386.50</b>	<b>\$43,234.23</b>	<b>\$44,098.91</b>	<b>\$44,980.89</b>	<b>\$45,880.51</b>	<b>\$46,798.12</b>
26	Inc.						
27	Tylerton						
28	Volunteer	[\$9,435.00]	[\$9,623.70]	[\$9,816.17]	[\$10,012.50]	[\$10,212.75]	[\$10,417.00]
29	Fire	<b>\$10,625.34</b>	<b>\$10,837.85</b>	<b>\$11,054.60</b>	<b>\$11,275.70</b>	<b>\$11,501.21</b>	<b>\$11,731.23</b>
30	Company						
31	Fairmont						
32	Volunteer	[\$37,638.00]	[\$38,390.76]	[\$39,158.58]	[\$39,941.75]	[\$40,740.58]	[\$41,555.39]
33	Fire	<b>\$42,386.50</b>	<b>\$43,234.23</b>	<b>\$44,098.91</b>	<b>\$44,980.89</b>	<b>\$45,880.51</b>	<b>\$46,798.12</b>
34	Company						

35 (2) The required appropriation for fiscal year [2024] **2030** shall remain in  
36 effect for subsequent fiscal years unless altered by future enactment.

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

1 1, 2024.