

Baltimore, under section one hundred and twenty-seven of this law, and the balance due the State and payable to the State Treasurer, which said balance, if any, and whenever the same shall arise from said auction duties, shall be paid to said Treasurer on or before the twenty-fifth day of September in each and every year.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT to define the duty of the Fire Inspector of Baltimore city.

Duty of the
Fire Inspector

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the Fire Inspector to attend all fires that may occur in the City of Baltimore, with a badge of office conspicuously displayed, upon which his title shall be legibly printed, and he shall take charge of and protect all property of any kind and description during such fires, or which may be imperiled thereby, and safely keep the same in his possession, or under his control, until satisfactory proof of ownership be made thereto, and shall, as far as practicable, prevent property from being injured at such fires, and regulate and direct when, in his opinion, it is necessary or expedient, the removal of goods, merchandise and other property to a place of safety. Any person or persons who shall wilfully hinder or obstruct said officer in the lawful discharge or performance of any of the duties of his office, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the City Jail for not more than one month, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.