

struction and permanent maintenance of such public park or parks.

61B. Any person who shall wilfully or maliciously injure, disfigure or destroy any monument erected in any public park or parks within the corporate limits of Ellicott City or take and carry away any growing tree therefrom, or destroy any vine, plant, shrubbery, root, vegetable, or fencing thereon shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and after presentment and indictment by the grand jury for Howard county, and conviction thereof, in the Circuit Court for Howard County, shall, in the discretion of said Court, be imprisoned in the Maryland House of Correction for a period not exceeding three years, or be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 355.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 158 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 158 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

158. There shall be a distinct department, to be known as the State Insurance Department, which shall be charged with the execution of the laws of this State in relation to insurance, the principal office for which shall be located in the City of Baltimore. The chief officer of said department shall be appointed by the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer, or by a majority of them, for the term of four years, and shall be known as the State Insurance Commissioner of Maryland, who shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, payable only out of the receipts of said department authorized by this article; provided, however, that no person who is a