

Preamble. be examined by skilled and competent examiners, said professions being in part those of plumbers, dentists, physicians, attorneys and others, and

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Preamble. WHEREAS, it is deemed a fit subject of legislative action with a view to the proper protection of life and property that a law should be enacted by which none but persons of sobriety and those who are skilled in the profession of engineers should be allowed to follow such avocation, and that, to that end a board of examining engineers should be created whose duty it shall be to examine engineers desiring to run stationary engines, and give such as may possess the proper requisites a proper certificate of proficiency, therefore,

New article. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new article to be known as stationary engineers, and to be numbered as article 101, be, and the same is hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws, whose provisions shall be as follows :

Board of Examining Engineers. SEC. 2. The Governor shall biennially appoint two engineers who have had not less than ten years' practical experience in running steam engines, boilers and appliances pertaining to stationary or portable engines, and who have been residents of this State for not less than five years next preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute and be known as the "Board of Examining Engineers." The parties so appointed before entering on their duties, shall make oath before a justice of the peace that they will faithfully perform their duties of their office without fear, partiality, or favor; and that they will not during their term of office accept any money, gift, gratuity or consideration from any person, and shall give bond to be approved by the Comptroller of the State, in the sum of three thousand dollars each, for the faithful discharge of their duties, and before entering on said discharge of their said duties, the said inspectors shall provide themselves with an office in a proper location in the city of Baltimore, and shall give notice by publication for at least five days through the two daily papers having the largest circulation in said city, of the time and manner in which they will make the examinations hereinafter provided for.