

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in the event that any part of this Act, or the application of this Act to any particular facts and circumstances, should be determined to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of the Act, and the application of the Act to other facts and circumstances, shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 7, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 916.

(House Bill 708)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 162A, to follow immediately after Section 162 of said Article, and to be under the new sub-title "Fire Escapes", relating to fire escapes required on certain hotels and similar places in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 162A, to follow immediately after Section 162 of said Article, and to read as follows:

162A. (a) Every building hereafter constructed, reconstructed or adapted for use as a hotel shall be equipped with a fire escape or fire escapes, so designed and constructed as to offer a means of egress from every floor thereof above the second floor.

(b) Every door or other opening offering a means of egress to such fire escape shall be plainly marked and labelled with a lighted sign, upon which shall be the word "Exit".