

"Howard County", sub-title "Fire Protection", said new sections to be known as Sections 198B, 198C and 198D, and to follow immediately after Section 198A, as said section was enacted by Chapter 195 of the Acts of 1945, authorizing the Chief, Chief Engineer, Captain or Lieutenant of any Volunteer Fire Company in Howard County, created for the purpose of engaging in the work of extinguishing fires therein, to enter and inspect all public buildings, stores, warehouses, factories, or any other structures or premises used for commercial purposes within the limits of Howard County for the purpose of estimating the fire conditions on and in the same and providing regulations for the prevention and protection against fire conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Howard County", sub-title "Fire Protection", said new sections to be known as Section 198B, 198C and 198D, and to follow immediately after Section 198A of said Article as the same was enacted by Chapter 195 of the Acts of 1945, and to read as follows:

198B. That the Chief, Chief Engineer, Captain or Lieutenant of any Volunteer Fire Company in Howard County, created for the purpose of and engaged in the work of extinguishing fires therein, be, and they are hereby severally authorized and empowered to, at any and all reasonable times, enter upon and into any and all public buildings, stores, warehouses, factories or any other structures or premises used for commercial purposes within the limits of Howard County, for the purpose of examining and inspecting the same, to ascertain the conditions thereon or therein with regard to the presence of arrangement of deposits of, or any article, materials, substances, goods, wares, merchandise, or any other thing or things, which may, in their opinion tend to create danger of or from fire, or unnecessarily and unreasonably interfere with the work of the several Volunteer Fire Companies in Howard County, in the event of fire on or in said premises, buildings or structures, or the loss of life of the occupants or other persons on or in said buildings or structures in the event of fire; also with regard to the condition, size, arrangement and efficiency of any and all appliances for fire prevention or for protection against fire on or in such premises, buildings or structures.

198C. That if as a result of the inspection or inspections by this Act authorized to be made the Chief, Chief Engineer,