

Chapter 74.

AN ACT for the better protection of Life and Property in the city of Baltimore.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be the duty of the Inspector of Buildings to visit and inspect all theatres, hotels, public halls, churches and buildings used for public assemblages, and all manufactories employing twenty-five or more persons, now erected or that may hereafter be erected in the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of ascertaining if said buildings have the proper means of exit in case of fire or panic, and if upon examination the said Inspector of Buildings shall determine that said buildings, as herein enumerated, have not the proper means of exit for the purposes herein prescribed, then it shall be the duty of the said Inspector of Buildings to notify in writing the owner or owners, trustees or lessees of said buildings that the proper means of exit do not exist, and direct the said owner or owners, trustees or lessees of said buildings, as herein enumerated, to so improve the same as to provide the proper means of exit in case of fire or panic as in the judgment of the said Inspector of Buildings he may deem proper and necessary.

Duty to visit and inspect.

Notify in writing.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons having been notified as provided for in section 1 of this act shall fail to comply with said notice he, she or they shall, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of said notice, forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred dollars for non-compliance therewith, and twenty-five dollars per day for each and every day thereafter that he, she or they shall refuse to make such improvements as prescribed in the notice so given as provided for in section 1 of this act, said fines to be collected as other fines are now or may hereafter be collected in the city of Baltimore.

Forfeiture and fine.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time provide by ordinance for such assistant or assistants to the said Inspector of Buildings as in their judgment may be necessary for carrying into effect the

Provide by ordinance.