

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons who shall wilfully injure, deface or destroy any piece or part of any fire apparatus, or of its equipment or appurtenances so provided, or shall in any manner wilfully hinder, obstruct or impede the same, or those lawfully in charge thereof, from freely passing along any street or highway whatever, in going to or from any fire, or upon any alarm of fire, the person or persons so guilty of so doing any one or more of such offences shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, in said Circuit Court upon indictment, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ninety days; one-half of said fine to be paid to the informer and the other half to said commissioners, to be applied by them to the expenses of said fire department.

Penalty for
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Fine—how
disposed of.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That as part of such fire department said commissioners shall have power to provide a fire-alarm telegraph in such districts, and any person without authority illegally intermeddling therewith by giving false alarms thereby, or in any manner injuring any such arrangements for telegraphing, shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof by indictment in said court shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than six months nor more than two years; one-half of said fine, when paid, to go to the informer, and the other half as provided in the previous section.

Provide fire
alarm tele-
graph.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent said County Commissioners from effecting any necessary arrangements with the Fire Commissioners or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the use of the engines, fire apparatus and water of said city, in the extinguishment of fires in Baltimore county.

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strued.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved March 30, 1882.