

a week at one time, or any part of which is let for any person to sleep in for any time less than a week; a cellar shall be taken to mean and include every basement or lower story of any building or house of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 30, 1908.

#### CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT to repeal the Act of 1898, chapter 458, relating to the hours of labor of mechanics and laborers employed upon city work, and to re-enact the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Act of 1898, chapter 458, of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the hours of labor of mechanics and laborers upon city work, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

SEC. 2. That eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen or mechanics, who may be employed by or on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, which may arise in time of war or in cases where it may be necessary to work more than eight hours per calendar day, for the protection of property or human life; provided, that in all such cases the laborer, workman or mechanic so employed and working to exceed eight hours per calendar day shall be paid on the basis of eight hours constituting a day's work; provided further, that not less than the current rate of per diem wages in the locality where the work is performed shall be paid to laborers, workmen and mechanics so employed by or on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and laborers, workmen or mechanics employed by contractors or sub-contractors in the execution of any contract or contracts within the city of Baltimore on any public work, shall be deemed to be employed by or on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all contracts hereafter made by or on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore with any person or persons or corporation, for the performance of any work with the city of Baltimore, shall be deemed and considered as made upon the basis of eight hours constituting a day's work, and it shall be unlawful for any