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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 1 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Allegany County," be amended by adding thereto, under the sub-title "Schools," to be designated 217a, providing for the erection and maintenance of fire-escapes on all public school buildings of two stories and over in Allegany county, said additional section to read as follows:

217a. It shall be the duty of the Board of School Commissioners for Allegany County to erect and maintain fire-escapes on all public school buildings of two stories and over in Allegany county, each of such buildings to have at least two fire-escapes of safe, substantial and modern construction on opposite sides of such buildings; the failure to comply with this Act on the part of said School Commissioners to constitute misfeasance in office, and, upon trial and conviction, the office of said Commissioners shall be, by the Circuit Court for Allegany County, declared vacant, and said Commissioners be removed from their said office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on the first day of January, in the year 1911.

Approved April 7, 1910.

CHAPTER 651.

AN ACT to compel owners of public buildings, except municipal buildings, theatres, public halls, hotels of fifteen bedrooms or more, in Allegany county, and of three stories and over in height, to place fire escapes upon the same, and provide penalties for the violations thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That within six months after the passage of this Act all owners of public buildings, except municipal buildings, theatres, public halls, hotels of fifteen bedrooms or more, and of three stories or over, in Allegany county, shall place upon the building fire escapes.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That any person convicted by a Justice of the Peace of Allegany county or by the Circuit Court for Allegany county of violating the foregoing section shall be fined upon conviction thereof not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, for each day when such fire escapes are not erected.