

sions being in part those of attorneys, physicians, dentists, plumbers, engineers, horseshoers and others; and,

Whereas, there is more danger to life and property from explosions caused by the carelessness and incompetency of moving-picture machine operators; and

Whereas, heretofore no provision has been made by law requiring moving-picture operators to undergo an examination before being allowed to pursue their avocation; and

Whereas, it is deemed a fit and proper subject of legislative action, with a view to the proper protection of life and property, that a law be enacted by which none but persons who are skilled in the avocation of operating moving-picture machines or electrical projecting apparatus should be allowed to pursue that calling and to that end a board of examining moving-picture machine operators should be created, whose duty it shall be to examine moving-picture machine operators desiring to follow that trade, and give such as may possess the proper requisites a proper certificate of proficiency; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new article, to be known as "Moving-Picture Machine Operators," and to be numbered as Article—, be and the same is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws, whose provisions shall be as follows:

SEC. 2. The term "Moving-Picture Machine Operators," as used in this Act, shall be defined as and including any and all persons engaged in the operation of electrical moving-picture machines. A license of "Moving-Picture Machine Operator" issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall entitle any such person so licensed to operate any moving-picture machine or electrical projecting apparatus, and install, erect or repair any lighting fixture, devices and the necessary wiring in connection with the same in a theatre, moving-picture parlor or hall where employed as a "Moving-Picture Machine Operator;" provided, such fixtures, apparatus and devices are not located more than fifteen feet from the outlet for supplying current for the same.

SEC. 3. The Governor shall biennially appoint in and for Baltimore City three persons, one from the Board of Fire Underwriters' Association, one master electrician to represent the Building Inspector's office of the City of Baltimore, and one moving-picture machine operator, all of whom have had not less than five years' experience at the business and who have resided in Baltimore City, State of Maryland, for a period of not less than two years next preceding their appointment, who