

known as Sections 56A, 56B, 56C, 56D, 56E, 56F, 56G and 56H, and to follow immediately after Section 56 of said Article, conferring additional powers upon the Insurance Commissioner relative to the investigation of fires and fire hazards, the making of uniform regulations for the purpose of preventing fires, the issuance of orders for the correction of dangerous conditions, and to provide penalties for failure to comply with such orders, after due notice and opportunity for appeal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That eight new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Insurance," sub-title "Fire Investigation Bureau," said new sections to be known as Sections 56A, 56B, 56C, 56D, 56E, 56F, 56G and 56H, to follow immediately after Section 56 of said Article and to read as follows:

56A. In addition to the powers conferred by Sections 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 of this Article, the Insurance Commissioner is authorized and empowered:

(a) To make and promulgate uniform regulations for the keeping, storage, use manufacture, sale, handling, transportation or other disposition of highly flammable materials, rubbish, gun powder, dynamite, crude petroleum or any of its products, explosive or flammable fluids or compounds, tablets, torpedoes or any explosive of a like nature, or any other explosives, including fireworks and fire crackers, and may prescribe the materials and construction of receptacles and buildings to be used for any of the said purposes.

(b) To deputize members of any volunteer fire department duly organized and operating in this State, or other suitable persons, to act as his deputies for the purpose of making such inspections and investigations and carrying out such orders as may be prescribed by him, to enforce and make effective the provisions of this sub-title, and of any and all regulations promulgated by him under authority thereof.

56B. Whenever the Insurance Commissioner may determine that any building or structure constitutes a fire hazard by reason of want of repair, age or dilapidated or abandoned condition, or otherwise, and is so situated as to endanger other buildings and property; or whenever he may find in any building or upon any premises any combustible, flammable or explosive substance or material, or