

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland as the same was enacted by Chapter 731 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1947, title "Corporations—Municipal", said new section to be known as Section 4, to follow immediately after Section 3 of said Article and to read as follows:

4. The legislative body of every incorporated municipality in this state except Baltimore City by whatever name known shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to adopt a fire prevention code to provide for protection against fires and the removal of fire hazards, to provide for the appointment of inspectors for the enforcement thereof and to provide penalties for the violation of any fire prevention code or any ordinance, resolution or regulation for the prevention of fires or the removal of fire hazards. Said Fire Prevention Code may incorporate by reference any code or part thereof prepared by any governmental agency or any trade or professional association for general distribution in printed form as a standard or model on any subject relating to fire prevention, fire hazards or flammable or dangerous substances, provided that subsequent amendments to any such model or standard code shall not be effective until specifically incorporated into such Fire Prevention Code.

No code, ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by said legislative body under the powers conferred by this section until a summary of such proposal has been advertised in one or more newspapers of general circulation in said municipality not less than three weeks with a date specified therein giving an opportunity for hearing any protest or objection to it and stating that copies of such proposed code, ordinance or resolution may be obtained on application to the clerk of said incorporated municipality.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 40

(House Bill 4)

AN ACT making an emergency appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the General Assembly of Maryland for the Extraordinary Session of 1948.