

discharge of their duties and the protection of property, shall, during the time of fire, have all the powers of a policeman in the City of Hagerstown, and said Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshals shall take the oath prescribed for policemen of said city and shall serve without pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all Local Laws or City Ordinances, or parts of such Laws or City Ordinances now in force inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect, from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1945.

CHAPTER 210.

(Senate Bill 66)

AN ACT to add a new sub-title and eleven new sections to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health", said new sub-title to read "Hospitals", said new sections to be known as Sections 496A to 496K, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 496 of said Article, providing for the licensing of hospitals, authorizing the State Board of Health to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing certain minimum standards for hospitals and creating an Advisory Committee.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new sub-title and eleven new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health", said new sub-title to be known as "Hospitals" and said new sections to be known as Sections 496A to 496K, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 496 of said Article, and to read as follows:

HOSPITALS

496A. (Definitions.) The following terms used in this sub-title are hereby defined as follows: