

record or writing, authenticated to the satisfaction of the Commission, may be required by the Commission to be delivered to it. All subpoenas for witnesses or records shall be signed and issued by the Commission or its secretary and may be served by any person of lawful age. Whoever, without justifiable cause, refuses to appear or testify when required, or obstructs the Commission or those acting for it in the discharge of their duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in a Court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the expense of the Commission shall be defrayed out of such State funds as may be provided therefor in the budget or otherwise.

SEC. 5. *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 of 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, and shall continue in effect until December 31, 1953.

Approved April 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 393

(House Bill 481)

AN ACT to authorize the Department of Militia of the State of Maryland to acquire tracts of land in Dundalk and Catonsville, Baltimore County, for the purpose of constructing thereon armories for the use of said Department and, in that connection, to accept gifts either of land or of monies.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That (a) The Department of Militia, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, is authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, lease, condemnation, gift or devise

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.