

ing and to prescribe civil penalties and the method of enforcement in connection with violations, making such violations misdemeanors and prescribing the criminal penalty therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 9A be and it is hereby added to the code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition, being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Howard County", sub-title "Building Regulations", to follow immediately after Section 9 thereof, and to read as follows:*

9A.

(a) *There is hereby created the office of Chief Plumbing Inspector for Howard County which inspector shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall be responsible to and hold office at the pleasure of said Commissioners. It shall be the duty of said Inspector to inspect or provide for the inspection of all plumbing during the process of its installation in Howard County and to enforce such rules and regulations with reference thereto as may be adopted under and by virtue of the provisions hereof.*

(b) *The County Commissioners of Howard County shall act as the Howard County Plumbing Board and are hereby authorized and empowered to draft, adopt and put into full force and effect comprehensive rules and regulations governing in every respect all types of plumbing hereafter installed in Howard County which rules and regulations, among other things, may include a schedule of fees and charges for the issuance of permits thereunder and in their discretion to incorporate the same into the Building Code of Howard County by reference to published standard works or otherwise. In connection with such rules and regulations the County Commissioners are also hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the method and procedure for the enforcement of the same and to prescribe civil penalties for violations thereof. Before adopting such rules and regulations and before prescribing said civil penalties, the County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing in connection therewith and shall give notice of the day, time and place of said hearing by publication in a newspaper published in Howard County by one insertion at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing.*

(c) *In addition to and not in substitution of any civil penalties which may be prescribed by said rules and regulations, any violation thereof shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred (\$100) dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both fine and imprisonment. Any person who shall violate such rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day that such violation shall continue.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 8, 1959.