

LAW AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND BEING PASSED UPON 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, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 28, 1959.

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CHAPTER 655

(House Bill 548)

AN ACT to add new Section 197B to Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Somerset County", to follow immediately after Section 197 thereof, said section having been added by Chapter 446 of 1937, and to be under the new sub-title "Fire Marshal", relating to creation of a county fire marshal for Somerset County to his powers and duties, and relating generally to fire safety in the county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 197B be and the same is hereby added to Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Somerset County", to follow immediately after Section 197 thereof, said section having been added by Chapter 446 of 1937, and to be under the new sub-title "Fire Marshal", and to read as follows:

*Fire Marshal*

*197B. (a) The Office of Fire Marshal for Somerset County is hereby created. The Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as the Commissioners shall determine, and may be removed by the Commissioners for incompetence, neglect of duty or other cause as the Commissioners in their discretion shall determine.*

*(b) The Fire Marshal shall have power to inspect buildings of all kinds for the purpose of discovering fire hazards and to enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the County Commissioners.*

*(c) The County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as they may, in their discretion, determine to be necessary to protect the public from fire hazards and other dangers due to unsafe and dangerous conditions with respect to any and all buildings in the county. Such regulations may provide for the repair or removal of dangerous structures, the removal of trash and other materials which may increase fire hazards or interfere with the proper and efficient operation of firemen in extinguishing fires or in preventing the spread of fires.*

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

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[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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