

CHAPTER 244

(House Bill 403)

AN ACT to add new Section 23A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 23 thereof, authorizing the County Commissioners of Wicomico County to adopt and promulgate and from time to time to amend, revise, rescind or change a building code for the County, to enforce and administer the code, and to provide penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 23A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 23 thereof, and to read as follows:

23A. The County Commissioners of Wicomico County are authorized to adopt and promulgate, and from time to time to amend, revise, rescind or change, a building code, to provide for the construction, maintenance and repair of any and all buildings and structures located within the county. On adoption the County Commissioners are authorized (1) to include provisions and requirements in the code reasonably designed to secure and preserve the public health, safety and convenience; (2) to provide for the appointment and employment of inspectors and other employees to enforce and administer the code, and to provide penalties for a violation of the code; (3) to incorporate therein by reference any code or portion thereof proposed by any governmental agency or by any professional or trade association for general distribution as a model or standard for a building code; but a subsequent amendment to a change in any code so adopted in whole or in part by reference is not incorporated into the building code of Wicomico County until specifically considered and added by the County Commissioners; (4) to provide that any code or codes so adopted shall apply to certain designated and well defined areas of Wicomico County or to all of said county; and (5) to provide that the provision of any of said code or codes shall not be applicable to any farm dwelling or any building or buildings deemed necessary in the operation of any farm in said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved March 28, 1961.

CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 473)

AN ACT to add a new Section 148(b-2) to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Boards of License Commis-