

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 696

(House Bill 680)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsections (a) and (s) of Section 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," providing for the licensing and regulation of plumbing and the adoption and enforcement of plumbing, building and housing codes; AND THE ISSUANCE OF ZONING CERTIFICATES in Allegany County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That subsections (a) and (s) of Section 3 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(a) The county commissioners of each county in this State, except Worcester, Kent, Caroline, Allegany, *except as specifically provided in subsection (s)*, Prince George's, Washington, Somerset, Dorchester, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Charles, Howard, Frederick, Queen Anne's and St. Mary's counties, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the following express powers:

(s) (1) In Harford and Allegany [County] Counties, the County Commissioners may provide and prescribe regulations for the issuance of plumbing permits, to be required before any sanitary systems, plumbing and fixtures may be installed within said county, and provide any fee or charges for any such permits, and the enforcement thereof. The County Commissioners are authorized to charge reasonable fees for the issuance of zoning certificates or permits for construction of improvements to real property. The County Commissioners of Harford and Allegany [County] Counties shall also have the power to adopt a plumbing code to regulate the construction of water, sewer, drainage, and sanitary facilities with power to designate and employ the necessary personnel to enforce said plumbing code and to provide criminal penalties for violation thereof. In the event the authority to adopt a plumbing code is exercised, the County Commissioners shall appoint an advisory plumbing board, with four year terms of office, consisting of a medical doctor, a plumber, and one other person to assist in the drafting and promulgation of said plumbing code and its enforcement.

(2) The County Commissioners of Harford and Allegany [County] Counties may adopt, and from time to time may amend, supplement or abrogate, a building code and a housing code, or either of such codes. The building code, if adopted, shall provide and prescribe