

regulations for the issuance of building permits to be required prior to the construction or improvement of any building; and any such code shall prescribe standards of construction, maintenance, and repair, covering structural safety, fire prevention requirements, lighting and ventilation, and proper means of ingress and egress. The housing code, if adopted, shall provide and prescribe regulations and standards for human habitation, covering sanitation, density of occupancy, open space requirements, rodent infestation, and human standards of occupancy.

A building code and a housing code, if either is adopted, and all regulations thereunder, shall be designed to assure and protect the public health, safety, comfort, and moral and economic welfare. They may include provisions for enforcement, including the appointment and maintenance of inspectors and including penalties for a violation of either a code or the regulations thereunder.

Any such code may incorporate by reference a portion or all, if applicable, of either a building code or a housing code, as the case may be, issued or proposed and made available for general circulation by any governmental agency or by any trade or professional association; but any subsequent amendment to or change in whatever is adopted by reference shall not be effective in *Harford and Allegany* [County] *Counties* until and unless it is specifically incorporated therein by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

All buildings on a farm and on any premises devoted solely to agricultural pursuits are exempt from the provisions and the application of both building and housing codes.

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 697

(House Bill 1104)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7-66 of Baltimore County Code 1958 (being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland) as amended by Chapter 98 of the Acts of 1963, title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Courts, Fines, Forfeitures and Imprisonment," providing for the payment of salaries and expenses of appraisers from the general funds of the Register of Wills.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7-66 of Baltimore County Code 1958 (being Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland) as amended by Chapter 98 of the Acts of 1963, title "Baltimore County," subtitle "Courts, Fines, Forfeitures and Imprisonment," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7-66.

On granting letters testamentary or of administration or of col-