

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That not later than August 31, 1964, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall appoint a State Fire Marshal, who shall begin his duties on September 1, at which time the State Fire Prevention Code shall become effective. Until August 31, 1964, the Insurance Commissioner shall continue to exercise the powers of the State Fire Marshal, as they existed prior to the passage of this Act, and as if this Act had not been enacted.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the office furniture and equipment, books, records, and accounts and all personal property of the State Insurance Commissioner used in his capacity as ex-officio Fire Marshal and also all credits and appropriations on the books and accounts of this State to the State Insurance Commissioner in his capacity as ex-officio Fire Marshal are transferred to and shall be in the custody of the State Fire Prevention Commission and the State Fire Marshal herein created. All references in the laws, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of this State and of any political subdivision of this State to the State Insurance Commissioner in his capacity as ex-officio State Fire Marshal henceforth shall be references to the State Fire Prevention Commission or the State Fire Marshal herein created, as the case may be.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1964.

Approved April 7, 1964.

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CHAPTER 47

(Senate Bill 29)

AN ACT to add new Section 62 to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare," subtitle "Prohibited Acts," to follow immediately after Section 61 thereof, requiring every person who in any manner applies for money or other assistance under a public welfare program to do so in writing and to sign the application and provide that false or fraudulent statements in such an application are perjury and punishable as such.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 62 be and it is hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare", subtitle "Prohibited Acts", to follow immediately after Section 61 thereof, and to read as follows:

62.

*Every application for monies or other assistance under any public welfare program, whether under this or any other Article in this Code, shall be in writing and signed by the applicant. Any person who in making and signing such an application makes a false or fraudulent statement with intent to obtain any assistance which as to that person is unjustified, excessive, or fraudulent, is guilty of per-*