

## CHAPTER 492

(Senate Bill 9)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(r) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," and to add new Subsections (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), and (aa) to said Section 3 to follow immediately after Section 3(s) thereof (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), amending the laws which enumerate certain powers for those Boards of County Commissioners to which said Section 3 applies, in order to add additional powers for the counties, and to amend the procedure for adopting an act, ordinance, or resolution under these powers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3(r) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Subsections (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), and (aa), be and they are hereby added to said Section 3 to follow immediately after Section 3(s) thereof (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), to read as follows:

3.

(r) No act, ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by the county commissioners, under the powers conferred by this section, until [ten days after a copy of such proposal has been advertised, in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in the county, at least once a week for three weeks with a date therein specified, giving an opportunity for hearing any protests or obligations thereto] *ten days after a public hearing has been held on the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution. Prior notice of such public hearing, together with a fair summary of the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution, shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County once each week for three successive weeks.*

(t) *Building, Electrical, Plumbing Codes. To make reasonable regulations in regard to buildings and signs to be erected, constructed, or reconstructed in the County, and to grant building permits for the same; to formulate a building code, plumbing code, or electrical code and to provide for inspections for and enforcement of such codes and to require reasonable charges for permits and inspections; to authorize and require the inspection of all buildings and structures and to authorize the condemnation thereof as provided under public general laws, in whole or in part, when dangerous or insecure, and to require that such buildings and structures be made safe or be taken down; to require the inspection and licensing of elevators and to prohibit their use when unsafe or dangerous or without a license;* PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED OR PROMULGATED HEREUNDER SHALL NOT APPLY TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND DEVICES USED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES IN FURNISHING THEIR SERVICES OR TO WORK PERFORMED BY SUCH PUBLIC UTILITIES OR THEIR AFFILIATED COMPANIES.