

as a common policing agency to protect the general welfare, health, and safety of the residents of Howard County.

The rules and regulations shall be compiled within three months of the adoption of this section and there shall be a public hearing, *thereafter* notice of which shall be announced in at least two local papers at least three weeks prior to the date of the hearing, and after such hearing the code shall be adopted jointly by the Commission and the Plumbing Department.

Any violation of any of the provisions of the rules and regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 188 of this subtitle.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 351

(House Bill 1005)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11 of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fire Marshal," to provide that in Worcester County the county may cooperate with the State Fire Marshal in repairing or demolishing dangerous buildings and when they do so they shall have a tax lien against the property for the expenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 11 of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fire Marshal," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11.

In the event any owner or occupant of any building or premises served with a copy of such order in the manner above provided, shall fail to comply with such order within thirty days from the date of issuance thereof, or within thirty days after any appeal from such order has been affirmed by court, the State Fire Marshal may enter into and upon the premises affected by such order and cause the said building, structure, or premises to be repaired, torn down, demolished, materials removed and all dangerous conditions to be remedied, as the case may be, at the expense of the owner or occupant, and if such person shall fail or neglect to repay the State Fire Marshal the expense thereby incurred by him, within thirty days after written demand shall have been mailed to the said owner or occupant at his last known post-office address, the State Fire Marshal is hereby authorized to bring suit in the name of the State to recover such expenses, with interest, in any court of competent jurisdiction. *In Worcester County the county commissioners*