

safeguard the public health, safety, morals and general welfare; provided that such regulations shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion hereby conferred, shall operate uniformly, and that before said County Commissioners shall adopt any such regulations they shall hold a public hearing thereon after at least ten days notice to the public by publication in one or more newspapers published in Howard County.

Such regulations may impose reasonable charges and fees for licenses, permits, inspections and other services rendered by the administrative officials under the authority hereof.

(c) Said County Commissioners shall have the power, in providing for the administration and enforcement of regulations adopted hereunder, to appoint an Electrical Administrative Board to consist of five members, and to impose on and vest in said Board such duties and powers as may be necessary and advisable for the proper administration and enforcement of such regulations, and to provide for the term of office, and compensation of the members of such Board.

The members of said Board shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed from time to time by the County Commissioners, which said compensation shall be paid from the fees collected for licenses, permits, inspections or otherwise under this section.

(d) The County Commissioners shall keep in a separate book all rules, regulations and restrictions adopted by them from time to time under the authority of this Act, and any amendments or supplements thereto, and shall cause copies to be printed and made available for general distribution. Any such printed copy, together with any amendments and supplements, when certified as accurate by the County Commissioners, shall be deemed prima facie evidence thereof in any judicial proceeding in the State.

(e) Any violation of regulations adopted pursuant to this Act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment. Any person who shall violate such regulations and restrictions shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for every day that such violation shall continue.

(f) The provisions of this title shall not apply to any electric light company, electric railway company, steam railway company, telegraph or telephone company, nor to those performing electrical work for such companies where said electrical work is an integral part of the plant or service used by such company in rendering their authorized service to the public.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.