

12 feet, reading "unlawful to operate this equipment within 10 feet of any electric wire."

62.

(a) *The Department of Labor and Industry shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Act, and is hereby empowered to prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations consistent herewith.*

(b) *Any person, firm or corporation who fails to comply with or who violates any of the provisions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.*

63.

This Act shall not apply to the construction, operation or maintenance of high-voltage lines and their supporting structures and associated equipment by public utilities regulated by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, their agents or contractors, NOR TO THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL POWER PLANTS AND SYSTEMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS, WHICH PRODUCE OR GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR THEIR OWN USE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if the provisions 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 the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 760
(House Bill 1173)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as last amended by Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1967; generally amending the laws of Carroll County relating to volunteer fire companies.