

Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fire Prevention Commission and Fire Marshal"; and to add new Section 14A to said Article, title and subtitle of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 14 thereof, providing for ~~an~~ exclusion of ~~the Baltimore City Fire Department~~ from certain provisions of Article 38A and relating to the composition of the Fire Prevention Commission, , AND PROVIDING FOR REPORTING BY THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CITY AND STATE FIRE PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND THE RENDERING OF ASSISTANCE BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL UPON REQUEST.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 (a) and Section 8 (j) of Article 38A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Fires and Investigations," subtitle "Fire Prevention Commission and Fire Marshal," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) There is hereby created a State Fire Prevention Commission, which shall consist of seven persons, qualified by experience and training to deal with the matters which are the responsibilities of the Commission, appointed by the Governor. The term of office of the members first taking office shall expire as designated by the Governor at the time of appointment, one at the end of one year, one at the end of two years, one at the end of three years, two at the end of four years, and two at the end of five years. Each succeeding term shall be for five years, and any member is subject to removal by the Governor at any time for neglect of his duties or for other cause which in the opinion of the Governor makes his continued membership unwise in the public interest. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Of the members of said Commission there shall at all times be three members who shall be members of paid or volunteer fire companies; three members of the Commission shall be representatives of industry, and one member shall be representative of the general public interest. In addition *five* [six] of the seven members of the Commission shall represent the following *five* [six] regions of the State: (1) Western Maryland—the counties of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll; (2) Central Maryland—the counties of Harford, Baltimore, and Howard; (3) Southern Maryland—the counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's; (4) Washington Metropolitan Area—the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and (5) Eastern Shore—the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester [, and (6) Baltimore City]. The *sixth and seventh* [member] *members* shall be appointed to represent the State at large.

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(j) Written report of examinations.—The State Fire Marshal shall, at the request of [the board of fire commissioners of the City