

the medical functions now devolving upon the coroners and post-mortem MORTEM physicians in Baltimore City, or upon coroners [or justices of the peace, acting as coroners,] in the several counties of the State, and to perform all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this article.

The office of said chief medical examiner, and the assistant medical examiners, shall be maintained in such building in Baltimore City as may be provided by the City of Baltimore, and the said Commission shall see that proper equipment is provided for the use of said chief medical examiner and assistant medical examiners, or arranged for the use of the laboratory and other equipment of the State Department of Health, the health department of Baltimore City, the State Police Department and the police department of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the chief medical examiner, or an assistant medical examiner, to be on call at all times for the performance of the duties set forth in this article.

SECTION 18. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 149 (b), 232, 234, 253, 255, 309 (f), 312E, 318, and 329 of Article 23, Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, and, as to Sections 149(b) and 312E, 1971 Supplement), title "Corporations," subtitles, respectively, "Particular Classes of Corporations—Associations," "Particular Classes of Corporations—Railroad Companies," "Particular Classes of Corporations—Religious Corporations," "Particular Classes of Corporations—Telegraph and Telephone Companies," and "Particular Classes of Corporations—Turnpike, Plank Road and Passenger Railway Companies," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

149. Advances on purchases of stock; security for indebtedness.

(b) The payment of the unpaid instalments and the premiums on the share or shares so purchased or redeemed, with interest on the money paid therefor, as aforesaid, and all fines and penalties incurred in respect thereof by any member, shall be secured to such association, by mortgage on real or leasehold property, or by the hypothecation of stock of such corporation held by such member or by judgment of a court of law [or by a justice of the peace] or by a decree of a court of equity all as may be provided in the articles of association or bylaws; but in no case of hypothecation of stock no greater sum of money shall at any time be drawn out by any member than shall have been already paid in by him on all his shares at the time of said hypothecation.

232. Same—Court in which suit to be brought for recovery.

The damages caused by such injuries may be sued for and recovered by the owner of such stock, or the person injured by fire [, before a justice of the peace, when the damages claimed shall not be over one hundred dollars, and in the circuit court for the county or the courts having civil jurisdiction over the amount claimed in the City of Baltimore, when the amount claimed exceeds one hundred dollars] *in a court of competent jurisdiction.*

234. Same—Judgment on failure of defendant to appear.

If the company summoned shall not appear to answer at the time named in the summons, on the return of two summons served as afore-