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It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to aid and assist employers in carrying out their responsibilities under Section 29 and to suggest and recommend to employers landl OR groups of employers methods and procedures by which they may develop safety programs to carry out such responsibilities. Within the Division of Labor and Industry, there shall be a Safety Engineering and Education Service, which on behalf of and under the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall study, analyze and investigate into the causes of industrial and occupational accidents and formulate, plan and conduct programs and courses designed to reduce such accidents. The Safety Engineering and Education Service shall have such clerks, and other employees and technical assistants as shall be provided from time to time in the budget. The Commissioner shall appoint inspectors to be designated safety inspectors, who shall be qualified and trained in occupational safety, and who shall be charged with responsibility for enforcement of safety codes in construction and other hazardous industries in the State at large, with salaries and travel expenses provided in the annual budget. The Commissioner shall further appoint inspectors, who shall be technically qualified, and who shall be charged with responsibility for enforcement of safety codes relative to amusement rides or devices and temporary and/or permanent structures at carnivals, fairs and amusement parks or other areas where such rides, devices or structures may be situated. These inspectors shall also be charged with responsibility for enforcement of safety codes for passenger and freight elevators in permanent installations and workmen's and material hoists on construction projects, with salaries and travel expenses of such inspectors provided in the annual budget. Upon the request of any company licensed to insure and insuring elevators in this State, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is empowered and authorized to deputize qualified inspectors of said company as special elevator inspectors and shall formulate rules and regulations defining the authority of those deputized and the reporting of inspections made by said inspectors. Such special elevator inspectors shall receive no salary from, nor shall any of their expenses be paid by, the State. All full-time employees of the Safety Engineering and Education Service shall be subject generally to the provisions of Article 64A of the Code, title "Merit System."

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

CHAPTER 101

(Senate Bill 674)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 354(a) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume, 1972 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Nonprofit Health Service Plans," to remove the limitation on the application of this subtitle to certain corporations organized under the provisions of Article 23 of the Code of Public Laws of Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 354(a) of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume, 1972 Supplement), title "Insurance Code,"