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BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 8(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 8(g) of Article 38A - Fires and Investigations, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

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(g) (1) The State Fire Marshal, in making [said] THIS inspection or investigation, may, when in his judgment [said proceedings are] necessary, take the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts, or to have the means of knowledge in relation to the matter herein required to be examined and inquired into, and to cause the [said] testimony to be reduced to writing; and when, in his judgment, [such] THE examination discloses that the fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion was of incendiary origin, the State Fire Marshal may arrest the supposed incendiary or cause him to be arrested and charged with the crime; and shall transmit a copy of the testimony so taken to the State's attorney for the county or city wherein [said] THE fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion occurred.

(2) IF, UPON INVESTIGATION, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON HAS COMMITTED OR HAS ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT A CRIME INVOLVING A FIRE, FIRE BOMBING, OR FALSE ALARM, OR INVOLVING THE POSSESSION OR MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES[[,]] OR SUBSTANCES, FIREWORKS, OR FIRE BOMBS, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY ARREST THAT PERSON OR CAUSE HIM TO BE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THE CRIME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY LAW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved April 30, 1974.