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(a) [The building inspector, in the portion of the Regional District within Prince George's County, shall enforce the execution of all building rules and regulations relating to the construction, alteration, and removal of buildings or other structures, walls, or parts of buildings or other structures.

(b) The building inspector, in the portion of the Regional District within Prince George's County, also shall visit and inspect all theaters, hotels, restaurants, public halls, churches, school houses, and buildings used for public assemblages and all manufactories employing 25 or more persons for the purpose of ascertaining if the buildings have the proper means of exits in case of fire or panic. If, on examination, he determines that the buildings as herein enumerated do not have the proper means of exit for the purposes described, then he shall notify, in writing, the owners, trustees, or lessees of the buildings to improve them to provide the proper means of exit in case of fire or panic as, in the judgment of the building inspector, he deems proper and necessary.

(c) If any person, having been so notified, fails to comply with the notice within a period of 30 days from the date of the notice, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of \$100 for non-compliance therewith and \$25 per day for each and every day thereafter that he refuses to make the improvements described in the notice given. The fines shall be collected as other fines are collected by law. The person ordered to make improvements to his property has the right to appeal in writing to the County Commissioners of Prince George's County from the order of the building inspector and to adduce evidence and be heard thereon; but the right to an appeal shall be considered waived unless it has been taken within 15 days from the service of the notice.

(d)] The Board of Education of Prince George's County shall comply with all the buildings regulations adopted by the County Commissioners for that portion of the Regional District within Prince George's County. The Board of Education also shall provide suitable fire escapes for all school buildings in use if the buildings are more than one story in height, and also provide suitable fire escapes for all the buildings now in course of construction or hereafter erected. If the Board of Education fails to comply with the provisions of this subheading, the County Commissioners of Prince George's County may contract for the doing of the work and deduct the cost thereof from the amount levied for the support of schools in Prince George's County.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.