Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 7(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

    SECTION 1.   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND,   That   Section   7(a) of Article 38A - Fires and
Investigations, of the Annotated Code of Maryland   (1971
Replacement   Volume   and   1976   Supplement)   be and it is
hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to   read
as follows:

        Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

7.

        (a)   The   office   of   State   Fire   Marshal   is
established   as   part   of the Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services.   The   State   Fire   Prevention
Commission   shall,   with the approval of the Secretary of
Public Safety and Correctional Services, appoint a   State
Fire   Marshal for a six-year term.   He is not subject to
the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but he can be
removed by the   Commission,   with   the   approval   of   the
Secretary   of Public Safety and Correctional Services, at
any time for neglect of duty, or other conduct unbecoming
his office.   Prior to removal, he shall be given   timely
notice   by the Commission with a statement of the charges
against him with an opportunity in person or   by   counsel
for   a public hearing thereon.   [Initially the salary of
the State Fire Marshal shall be not less than that of the
assistant fire marshal,   immediately   prior   to   July   1,
1964.]   THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY
PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.   The   State   Fire   Marshall
shall   be   appointed   in   accordance   with   the following
qualifications: (1) Graduation from an accredited college
or university, with specialized study in either the field
of fire protection or engineering, and (2) five years of
recent   progressively   responsible   experience   in   fire
prevention inspection, fire   investigation,   fire   safety
promotion,   fire   protection   engineering,   teaching fire
safety engineering, or   fire   fighting,   three   years   of
which must have been at the administrative level.

    SECTION 2.   AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act
shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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(Senate Bill 322)