

FOR the purpose of empowering certain officials of fire departments and the board of fire commissioners to take certain actions when responding to or operating at, or returning from fires, or service calls, or other emergencies for certain purposes; providing for certain nonliability for trespass for these officials while performing the powers under this Act; generally relating to the protection of persons and property and the prevention of the spread of fire or hazardous condition; and making stylistic corrections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48 - Inspections  
Section 181(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 48 - Inspections

181.

(a) The members of the board of fire commissioners and the chief of the fire department and his assistants, and any other officer or officers or member or members of the fire department acting under the direction of such board or chief of each of the cities of this State, and the chief, chief engineer, captain or lieutenant of any volunteer fire company, fire district or any other organization created for the purpose of and engaged in the work of extinguishing fires in any town or county of this State, whether incorporated or not, exclusive of Baltimore County are hereby severally authorized and empowered to inspect all buildings, structures or other places in their respective city, town or county, excepting, however, the interior of a private dwelling, where any combustible material, including waste paper, rags, shavings, waste, leather, rubber, crates, boxes, barrels, rubbish or other combustible material that is or may become dangerous as a fire menace to such building or buildings, structure or other places has been allowed to accumulate, or where such board or members thereof, chief assistants, or other officer aforesaid, has reason to believe that such material of a combustible nature has accumulated or is liable to be accumulated. In all jurisdictions the officials shall have the authority without liability for trespass at any time of the day or night:

(1) To enter at their own risk any building, including private dwellings, or upon any premises where a fire is in progress, or where there is reasonable cause to