SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 697

(House Bill 1291)

AN ACT concerning

Fire Marshal

FOR the purpose of transferring the method of appointing the State Fire Marshal to appointment by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services from a list submitted by the State Fire Prevention Commission; transferring the power of removal of the Fire Marshal to the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to give a certain notice; correcting an error; allowing the Commission to recommend the removal of the Fire Marshal for cause; and generally relating to the powers of appointment and removal of the State Fire Marshal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations Section 7(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 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 38A - Fires and Investigations

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(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[,] SHALL appoint a State Fire Marshal for a six-year term FROM A LIST OF 3 NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION. 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