

and false swearing in any matter of proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such; and the said fire marshal and deputy fire marshal shall have the authority at all times of the day or night, in performance of the duties imposed by the provisions of this Act, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fires shall have occurred, or which at the time may be burning, and also the power to enter upon at any time any building adjacent to that in which the fire occurred should he deem it necessary in the proper discharge of his duties; and the said fire marshal and deputy fire marshal shall have authority to inspect public buildings, such as school houses, churches, opera houses, theatres, hospitals, asylums, public halls, factories, hotels and other buildings of like character, and to compel the owner or owners thereof to provide sufficient fire escapes or other means of exit as he, the said fire marshal, shall direct for the benefit and safety of the occupants of said building, and the said fire marshal shall give thirty days' notice to the owner or owners of such buildings to provide such fire escapes or other means of exit as in his judgment shall be deemed necessary; and upon failure or refusal of the said owner or owners of such buildings to comply with the said notice of the said fire marshal, the said fire marshal shall cause the said person or persons to be arrested, and upon conviction before any justice of the peace of the city or county of the State of Maryland wherein the owner or owners reside, or the respective building or buildings may be located, they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay the fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each offense, and an additional fine of five dollars (\$5) for each and every day thereafter such violations shall continue; and if the accused shall feel himself aggrieved by the judgment of the justice of the peace, he shall have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court for the county and have a jury trial; this Act shall, however, not conflict with any existing laws now fully covering the same in any of the towns or cities of the State of Maryland.

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Authority to enter upon and examine building where fires have occurred.

Authority to inspect public buildings, etc.

Section 4. *And be it enacted*, That the entire expenses of the office hereby created shall not exceed fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500) a year, which shall be paid out of moneys paid into the State treasury by or for the insurance com-

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