

of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Forestry", said new sub-title to be known as "Safety in the Use of Fire in the Open Air", and said new sections to be known as Sections 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, and to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article, conferring additional powers upon the State Department of Forestry and the State Forester, relative to cooperation with the property owners within Harford County in the safe use of fire for the disposal of inflammable debris; providing for the collection of the cost thereof by the State Department of Forestry, from property owners, when such fire operations are performed by the State Department of Forestry in response to requests from property owners; authorizing the State Forester to designate fire prevention areas after notice and opportunity for appeal, upon being satisfied that there has occurred in any election District, a high annual forest fire loss resulting from negligence in the use of fire in disposing of inflammable materials; providing for the regulation of open air fires within such areas, through issuance of permits, and providing for penalties for fires started within such areas without such permits; said Act to apply in Harford County only.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new sub-title and five new sections be, and the same are hereby added to Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Forestry", said new sub-title to be known as "Safety in the Use of Fire in the Open Air", and said new sections to be known as Sections 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article, and to read as follows:

SAFETY IN THE USE OF FIRE IN THE OPEN AIR.

47. The State Department of Forestry shall, in addition to the powers heretofore granted it, have the power to aid, counsel and advise with tenants or property owners in the vicinity of the woodland areas within the County or Counties designated in Section 52 of this Article, as to means and methods of safety conducting fires in the open air for the purpose of burning grass, weeds, leaves, brush, stumps, logs, fallen timber, slash, debris, rubbish, or other inflammable material. When any person, organization, firm or corporation shall apply to the State Department of Forestry for cooperation and assistance in the use of fire for the disposal of inflammable materials in the open air, and the State Forester deems an examination necessary, he shall instruct an authorized agent of the State Department of Forestry to examine the situation where the burning is desired and to report conditions with his recommendations to the State Forester. If,