

provide penalties for the violation of any Fire Prevention Code or any ordinance, resolution or regulation for the prevention of fires or the removal of fire hazards. Said Fire Prevention Code may incorporate by reference any code or part thereof prepared by any governmental agency or any trade or professional association for general distribution in printed form as a standard or model on any subject relating to fire prevention, fire hazards or flammable or dangerous substances, provided that subsequent amendments to any such model, or standard code shall not be effective until specifically incorporated into such Fire Prevention Code.

No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by the County Commissioners under the powers conferred by this section until a copy of such proposal has been advertised in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in the County, not less than three weeks with a date specified therein, giving an opportunity for hearing any protests or objections thereto and stating that copies of such proposed ordinance or resolution may be obtained on application to the clerk to the County Commissioners.

Provided, however, that no such code, ordinance or resolution shall apply within the corporate limits of any municipality which has adopted or may adopt a Fire Prevention Code from the effective date of the adoption of such Fire Prevention Code.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved June 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 39

(House Bill 3)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland as the same was enacted by Chapter 731 of the Acts of 1947, title "Corporations—Municipal", to be known as Section 4 and to follow immediately after Section 3 of said Article authorizing the legislative body of every incorporated municipality to adopt a fire prevention code and to provide for protection against fire and the removal of fire hazards and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.