

Howard County, and the said County Commissioners shall grant or refuse such permit by an order in writing. Within fifteen days, and not longer, after an order refusing an application for a permit, the applicant shall be entitled to appeal to the Circuit Court for Howard County, which Court, sitting without a Jury, shall hear and determine all matters relating to the application de novo, and the decision of said Court shall be final. Such appeal shall be instituted by filing in said Court a petition, a copy of which shall be served on the County Commissioners of Howard County, which said petition shall set forth in clear and concise terms the grounds for the appeal. The County Commissioners shall promptly certify and file a complete transcript of the record in the case, upon payment of all costs for preparation of same by the appellant.

(b) Any owner, agent, builder or contractor who shall erect, construct, repair, alter, remodel, remove or demolish, or who shall undertake the erection, construction, repairing, altering, remodeling, removal or demolition of a building or structure of any kind, or any part thereof, in Howard County without having obtained a permit as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ~~[\$100.00]~~ \$25.00 nor more than ~~[\$1,000.00]~~ \$200.00, or imprisoned in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the Court. No conviction hereunder shall in any manner relieve any person of any other penalties or the necessity of securing and paying for a permit hereunder and complying with all other applicable rules, regulations and laws. Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to farm buildings, other than dwellings.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved March 31, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 256

(House Bill 552)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 109 of Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Mary-

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.