

title "Public Works", sub-title "Buildings", to empower the County Commissioners of Baltimore County to regulate the floor elevations of buildings and water tightness of basements and ground floors in buildings hereafter erected in areas in Baltimore County which are subject to flooding by tidewaters, surface waters or running streams.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 284 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition) title "Public Works", sub-title "Buildings", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

284.

The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are hereby given full power and authority to direct in what parts of Baltimore County buildings of wood may be erected, and to regulate, restrain or prohibit, in its discretion, the erection of buildings or structures of wood, frame or wood composition, within the present limits of Baltimore County or any thickly populated portion thereof and to remove the same at the owner's expense as herein provided, when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt; to regulate and establish the size of bricks and thickness of walls that are to be used in buildings and structures, or parts thereof, to be built or re-built in Baltimore County; to provide for the entry into and examination of all buildings, lots, yards, enclosures and cars, boats and vehicles of every description to ascertain their condition for health, cleanliness and safety; to take down and remove, or make safe and secure, any and all buildings, walls, structures, or superstructures, at the expense of the owners thereof, that are or may become dangerous or that are erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or such regulations as they may adopt, or to require said owners or agents to take down and remove them, or put them in a safe and sound condition, all at their own expense; to make any and all expenses and costs incurred by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County in, about, and by reason of the taking down and removal, or the making safe and secure of all buildings, walls, structures, or superstructures, as foresaid, a lien upon the land or improvements, or both, and to provide for the enforcement of such liens by sale of the property, whether real or personal, or by suit at law for all such expenses or any deficit after sale as aforesaid; to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, partitions, fences, parapet and fire walls, smoke flues, fireplaces, hot-air flues, boilers, kettles, furnaces, smokestacks and stovepipes; to provide for the inspection and regulation of the safe construction, erection, repair, alteration, remodeling, removal or demolition, in any manner, of all private and public buildings or structures, or parts thereof; and to compel the consumption and prevention of smoke and make such regulations as may be deemed necessary to prevent the same from becoming deleterious or offensive to health; to regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings or structures, or parts thereof, hereafter erected in Baltimore County and the alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any buildings or structures, or parts thereof, already erected, or hereafter to be erected in Baltimore County: *to regulate the floor elevations of buildings and water tightness of basements and ground floors in*