

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 380, 381, 382 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Forests and Parks," subheading "Fire Hazards-Abatement of," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

380.

Any person, firm or corporation that shall fail to clear safety strips as prescribed in accordance with the terms of §376 of this subtitle and any landowner who shall fail to clear safety strips as prescribed in accordance with the terms of §378 of this subtitle shall be fined at the rate of [five (\$5.00) dollars] \$100 per mile or fraction thereof, measured along the tracks adjacent to which such safety strips have been prescribed in accordance with the terms of said § 378 for each day after the fifteenth day of April succeeding the date of the notice prescribed in accordance with the terms of said § 378 during which such strips shall remain uncleared to be collected as prescribed by §1 of Article 38 of the Code of Public General Laws I, provided the total fine per mile for any designated hazard in any year shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00)].

381.

Any person, firm or corporation owning property within one hundred (100) feet of the tracks of any railroad within this State [using wood, coke or coal as fuel, said distance of one hundred (100) feet to be] measured horizontally from the outer rail, who shall cut or permit the cutting of trees or other crops on such property shall dispose of all tree tops, brush and other inflammable material caused by such cutting in such manner that such inflammable material shall not remain within one hundred (100) feet, measured as aforesaid, of such railroad tracks more than thirty days after such cutting. Upon failure to comply with the provisions of this section, such owner shall be fined at the rate of [five (\$5.00) dollars] \$100.00 per mile or fraction thereof, measured along such tracks, for each day during which such material shall remain on such ground after the expiration of such period of thirty days, to be collected as prescribed by § 1 of Article 38 of the Code of Public General Laws; provided that if such period of thirty days shall expire after the 20th day of December, the disposal of such material need not be completed until the fifteenth day of the succeeding April I, provided the total fine per mile for any designated hazard in any year shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00)].

382.

Any person, firm or corporation operating a railroad within this State by other than steam motive power, shall, once a year, within the period specified in § 376 of this subtitle, clear of inflammable material those parts of its rights-of-way upon which the Department of Forests and Parks shall have found that fire hazard exists, or will probably be caused by failure to clear such parts of such right-of-way, and shall have so notified such person, firm or corporation not later than the first day of September of the year in which such period shall commence. Any such person, firm or corporation which shall fail so to clear such parts of its right-of-way shall be fined at the rate of [five (\$5.00) dollars] \$100.00 per mile or fraction thereof, measured along the tracks upon such right-of-way for each day after the fifteenth of April, succeeding the date of such notice during which such parts of its right-of-way shall remain uncleared, to be collected as prescribed by § 1 of Article 38 of the Code of Public General Laws I, provided the total fine per mile for any designated hazard in any year shall not exceed one hundred dollars (100.00)].