

Chapter 334

(House Bill 823)

AN ACT concerning

State Fire Marshal – Sprinkler Systems Enforcement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Marshal to enforce certain requirements relating to fire sprinkler systems; and generally relating to the duties of the State Fire Marshal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 6–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

6–305.

(a) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce:

(1) all laws of the State that relate to:

(i) the prevention of fire;

(ii) the storage, sale, and use of explosives, combustibles, or other dangerous articles, in solid, liquid, or gaseous form;

(iii) the installation and maintenance of all kinds of equipment intended to control, detect, or extinguish fire;

(iv) the means and adequacy of exit, in case of fire, from buildings and all other places in which individuals work, live, or congregate, except buildings that are used solely as dwelling houses for no more than two families; and

(v) the suppression of arson; **[and]**

(2) the regulations adopted by the Commission under Subtitle 2 of this title; **AND**

(3) ANY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.