

Any employer, subject to the provisions of this article, who, after November first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, fails or refuses to submit to said Commission, as provided in the next succeeding paragraphs, the method he desires to adopt for assuring compensation, or who shall fail to secure insurance by one of such methods, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars. The Court may, in its discretion, remit any such penalty, provided the employer in default assures the compensation as provided in this section; and provided further that he has paid or secured to be paid any compensation or other benefits under this article which may have been awarded against him.

This section referred to in construing section 56—see notes thereto. *Brenner v. Brenner*, 127 Md. 194.

See notes to section 14.

#### State Accident Fund.

1914, ch. 800, ch. 16. 1916, ch. 597, sec. 16.

16. The State industrial Accident Commission is hereby authorized and directed to create and establish a fund to be known as the "State Accident Fund," for the purpose of insuring employers against liability under this article and to their employees and their dependents the payment of the compensation specified in this article. Such fund shall consist of all premiums or taxes received and paid into the fund and of property and securities acquired and interest earned through the use of moneys belonging to the fund. Said fund shall be administered by the Commission and shall be applicable to the payment of losses sustained on account of insurance and to the payment of expenses in the manner provided in this article.

1914, ch. 800, sec. 17. 1916, ch. 597, sec. 17.

17. For the purpose of creating such State Accident Fund each employer insured in this Fund or required to be insured therein by this article shall pay into the State Treasury the premiums of liability based upon and being such percentage of the pay roll of such employer, as may have been determined and published by the Commission and be then in effect. The premiums shall be paid every four months, and shall be the prescribed percentage of the total wages paid to all employees subject to the article for such preceding four months' period. The State Treasurer shall issue his receipt for any sums paid him hereunder in duplicate, the original to be delivered to the person, firm or corporation or other employer paying the same and the duplicate filed with the Commission; provided however, that in order to create a fund available upon the application of this article as aforesaid on November first, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, the payments for the months of November, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, to February, inclusive, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, shall be made