

person, agent, owner or proprietor violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, be fined by the court before which such conviction is had, for every violation, the sum of one hundred dollars and costs, and stand committed until such fine and costs be paid. The owner or owners of any such house or building used as a sweat-shop or factory where four or more persons are employed as garment workers, on other than the first floor of such house or building, shall provide fire-escapes for the same; and if any owner or owners of any house or building so used, fail to make or provide a fire-escape, such owner or owners shall pay a fine of two hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines in this State, or imprisonment in the City Jail for sixty days, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

In relation to the provisions in section 280 regulating sweat shops, it may be of interest to note that the Act of 1902, ch. 101, known as the "Sweat Shop Law," was held invalid, in that it was not a just and reasonable police regulation, and that it interfered with the right of the citizen to enjoy the free and profitable use of his property and also with his right of personal liberty, without due process of law.

State v. Legum, Daily Record. November 18, 1902.

1900, ch. 274.

280A. Before the Appeal Tax Court of Baltimore City grants any permit for the erection of new buildings it shall be shown to the said Court to its satisfaction that all taxes due and unpaid are fully paid upon the land on which said new buildings are proposed to be erected, and no permit, as aforesaid, shall be issued until the court is so satisfied, and an appeal is allowed from this as in other cases before said court, as is allowed by law.

CARRIAGES, HORSES AND AUTOMOBILES.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

P. L. L. (1860), Art. 4, sec. 140. 1865, ch. 90. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 135. 1892, ch. 631. 1910, ch. 109.

281. The Police Commissioner of the City of Baltimore shall determine and fix rates of fare and amounts to be charged by the owners, drivers, chauffeurs or persons having in charge of hackney carriages in the said city, and every owner, driver, chauffeur or person having charge of any hackney carriage for which a license has been obtained as required by law shall be authorized and entitled to ask, charge and receive as a compensation from every person using the same the rates of fare and compensation prescribed and established by the said Police Commissioner, and no more. Every vehicle, whether drawn by horses or other animal power, or propelled by mechanical motor, except a street car, used or to be used for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within the City of Baltimore, shall be deemed to be a hackney carriage within the meaning of this sub-division of this Article.