

1st, nineteen hundred and fourteen, be compelled by the Commission to insure to his employees and their dependents the payment of the compensation specified in this Article, by paying to the State Treasurer for the use and benefit of the State Accident Fund, hereinafter authorized to be established, the premium or taxes levied and published by the State Accident Fund for the group of employments, industries or works to which said employer belongs. And any such employer who fails or refuses to so insure within ten days, after being ordered by the Commission to do so, shall be liable to the State in an amount equal to the premium or taxes required of him for six months' insurance in the State Accident Fund, as a penalty, which, together with his premium or tax due the State Accident Fund for the first six months, may be collected by the Commission in the same manner and with the same effect as provided in Section 75 of this Article for the collection of premiums or taxes in default.

(e) In exercising the discretion conferred upon it by this section and Section 14 of this Article, the State Industrial Accident Commission shall consider the reputation of any insurance company or association, in which any such employer may desire to insure, for promptness and fairness in the settlement of compensation claims, without unreasonable resistance on the part of any such insurance company or association, and shall also consider the financial strength of his employer, the number of employees employed, the degree of hazard to employees engaged in the employment, the likelihood or danger of several employees being injured or killed by one and the same accident, the relative influence, the different methods, by which compensation may be assured under this Article, are likely to exert upon the employer and his employees for the prevention of accidents, and any other facts or conditions bearing upon the security and promptness of payment of the compensation and the prevention of accidents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 464

(Senate Bill 350)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Mary-