

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That should the Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics or the person deputized by him, as aforesaid, fail to mediate or secure the consent of the parties to the controversy or dispute to submit the matter to arbitration, then the said Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics or the person deputized by him, as aforesaid, shall proceed to thoroughly investigate the cause of the dispute or controversy; he shall have the authority to summons both parties to appear before him and take their statements, in writing or under oath, and having ascertained which party is, in his judgment, mainly responsible and blameworthy for the continuance of said controversy or dispute, shall publish a report in some daily newspaper, assigning such responsibility or blame, over his official signature.

To investigate and determine all causes.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That for the purposes of the investigation, as aforesaid, the Chief of said Bureau of Industrial Statistics or such person as he may deputize in writing, as aforesaid, shall have power to administer oaths, to issue summons for the attendance of witnesses, to enforce the attendance of witnesses, production of papers and books, to the same extent that power is possessed by courts of record or judges thereof in this State.

Power to administer oaths to summons witnesses, etc.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all information of a personal character or pertaining to the private business of any person, firm or corporation, or which might have a tendency to expose the profits or methods of doing business by any person, firm or corporation, coming to the knowledge of the Chief of said Bureau or person deputized by him, or to the arbitrators selected under the aforesaid provisions, shall be deemed confidential and so treated, and all documents and testimony taken shall be filed in the office of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics.

Information of a personal character to be confidential.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 12, 1904.

CHAPTER 673.

AN ACT to prohibit the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or lager beer at any place in Garrett County within three miles of Lower Savage School House, in the village of Bond, Garrett County, Maryland.