

establishment and maintenance of conditions of safety and to the prevention of accidents in occupations covered by the provisions of this Article; that said Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a competent and discreet person who shall be known as Director of Safety, and two additional persons as Inspectors, the said employees to perform such duties as may be required of them by the State Industrial Accident Commission, and to receive such salaries as may be provided for them by the budget of appropriations; no person shall be eligible for appointment as Director of Safety unless he shall have had at least five years' experience in safety engineering work.

1929, ch. 426, sec. 55A.

55A. Any person, firm or corporation, except such corporation as may be under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, who shall fail or refuse to comply with any rule or regulation which may be promulgated by the State Industrial Accident Commission pursuant to the powers conferred upon it by Section 55 of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

1929, ch. 426, sec. 55B.

55B. Any member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, Director of Safety, the Inspectors appointed in pursuance of the provisions of this sub-title or any other person authorized to do so by the State Industrial Accident Commission, shall have free access during regular business hours to all places of employment, subject to the Workmen's Compensation Law of Maryland, and shall have full power and authority to inspect such places of employment including the right to enter upon such places of employment or any part thereof for the purpose of obtaining information, investigating the provisions therein made for the safety of employees and other persons, and bringing to the attention of the employers or other persons in possession of such premises any provision of law or any order or rule of the State Industrial Accident Commission relating to safety methods or appliances. Any employer, owner or other person who shall refuse admittance to any place of employment as herein provided, or in any manner interfere with any member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, the Director of Safety, the inspectors appointed hereunder or any other person authorized by the State Industrial Accident Commission, in making inspections or investigations hereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon a conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Provided, that any action of the Commission under Sections 55, 55A and 55B of this Article for the purpose of diminishing or preventing accidents shall not apply to public service corporations under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.