

seats for use of such employes. A person is deemed not to maintain suitable seats for the use of female employes unless he permits the use thereof by such employes to such extent as may be reasonable for the preservation of health and proper rest; and the question of what is thus reasonable is one for determination by the jury or the court acting as a jury in any prosecution hereunder.

1882, ch. 35. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 399.

**506.** Any violation of the preceding section by any employer shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected.

### TENEMENT AND LODGING HOUSES.

1886, ch. 396. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 400.

**507.** The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are authorized and directed to enact ordinances regulating the construction, care, use and management of tenement houses, lodging houses and cellars in the City of Baltimore, for the better protection of the lives and health of the inmates dwelling therein.

State v. Hyman, 98 Md. 596.

1886, ch. 396. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 401. 1900, ch. 557. 1908, ch. 190.

**508.** A tenement house shall be taken to mean and include every house, building or portion thereof which is rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied or is occupied as the house or residence of three or more families, living independently of one another, and doing their own cooking upon the premises, or by more than two families upon a floor so living or cooking, but having a common right in the halls, stairways, yards, water closets or privies, or some of them; a lodging house shall be taken to mean and include any house or building, or portion thereof, in which persons are harbored, or received, or lodged for hire for a single night, or for less than a week at one time, or any part of which is let for any person to sleep in for any time less than a week; a cellar shall be taken to mean and include every basement or lower story of any building or house of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining.

### STATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PRACTICAL PLUMBING.

1886, ch. 439. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 402. 1894, ch. 609.

**509.** It shall not be lawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the plumbing business in the City of Baltimore to employ as workmen in said business any persons except those qualified to work at the plumbing business, as provided in Section 511 of this Article; and no person shall be qualified to work at the plumbing business unless he has made application to and received from the State Board of Commissioners of Prac-