

Comptroller on proper requisition signed by the said Commissioner out of the license taxes provided by Section 268 and shall be paid only from such license taxes. The said Commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to investigate, through the inspectors appointed by him pursuant to the provisions of this section, the manner in which all employment agents doing business within the State conduct such business, and to examine at any time during business hours any and all of the books and records of such employment agents, to the end that all such employment agents shall comply with the provisions of Sections 268 to 277, inclusive, and with the rules and regulations made and published by the said Commissioner.

1935, ch. 296, sec. 232H.

276. The violation of any of the provisions of Sections 268 to 277, inclusive, or of any rule or regulation issued and published by the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration, shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 for the first offense and not less than \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. It shall be the duty of said Commissioner to institute proceedings through the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and the State's Attorneys of the respective counties for the prosecution of any employment agent violating any of the provisions of Sections 268 to 277, inclusive, or of any regulations made and published by him pursuant to the provisions of Section 271.

1935, ch. 296, sec. 232-I.

277. The provisions of Sections 268 to 277, inclusive, are severable, and, in the event that any provision thereof should be declared unconstitutional, it is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the remaining portions would have been enacted notwithstanding such judicial determination of the invalidity of any particular provision or provisions in any respect.¹

Laundries.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 233. 1912, sec. 171. 1916, ch. 704, sec. 171.

278. Each person, firm or corporation, resident or non-resident, doing a public laundry business in this State shall pay for the privilege of conducting such business, whether worked by hand or other power, by first taking out an annual license therefor, for each place of business, and paying the following license fee, viz.:

Laundries employing less than five persons.....	\$ 5.00
Laundries employing not less than five persons, and not more than ten persons.....	\$ 15.00
Laundries employing not less than ten persons, and not more than twenty persons.....	\$ 50.00
Laundries employing more than twenty persons.....	\$100.00

Provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose a license tax upon persons who wash bed clothing, wearing ap-

¹ Sec. 3, ch. 296, acts of 1935, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.