

An. Code, 1924, sec. 57. 1912, sec. 55. 1912, ch. 79, sec. 18.

56. Any person violating any of the provisions of section 53 or of section 54 of this article or interfering with, molesting or obstructing the said inspector or either of her assistants in the discharge of her duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished, for the first offense, by a fine of not more than \$100, for a second or any subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both penalties in the discretion of the Court.

### **Compulsory Work Law.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 58. 1912, sec. 56. 1917, ch. 33, sec. 1.

57. Whenever, because of the existence of a state of war, the Governor determines that it is necessary, for the protection and welfare of the people of the State, that all able-bodied male persons, between the ages hereinafter mentioned, be employed in occupations carried on by the State, the Counties or the City of Baltimore, or any of their agencies, or be employed in occupations carried on by private persons, firms or corporations, whether agricultural, industrial or otherwise, and which occupations, whether carried on by the State, the counties, the City of Baltimore, or by private employers, the Governor finds to be essential for the protection and welfare of the people of the State and the United States, and also finds that the same cannot be carried on as the protection and welfare of the people of this State and of the United States require without resort to this sub-title, then the Governor shall be authorized, by proclamation, to require every able-bodied male person between 18 and 50 years of age, inclusive, within the State, not then or thereafter regularly or continuously employed or engaged in any lawful and useful business, occupation, trade or profession of any kind, to register forthwith his name, address, age and any other information which the Governor shall require, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such person may be, or with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if such person be in Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of said clerk, from time to time, upon request of the Governor, to furnish him lists of the names, addresses, age and such other information aforesaid as may have been obtained and registered. The Governor shall thereupon assign, or cause to be assigned, and, if necessary, reassign or cause to be reassigned, such persons to occupations as aforesaid, carried on by the State, the counties or the City of Baltimore, or to private employers engaged in occupations of the character above mentioned, and who accept the services of such persons, for a period which shall not in the case of any person exceed six continuous months at any one time. Persons so assigned must in every case be physically able to perform the work to which they are assigned. As soon as the proclamation has been issued, as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Governor to prepare and publish such rules and regulations governing the assignment of persons to work under this sub-title as will assure that all persons similarly circumstanced shall, as far as it is possible to do so, be treated alike. In fixing the period of work to which anyone is assigned, and in determining its nature, the Governor shall take into consideration the age, physical condition and any other appropriate circumstances of the person so assigned. The rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this sub-title shall make allowances for such facts and circumstances. Any such