

or drink; and shall, when deemed necessary, have the suspected article subjected to chemical or other scientific examination in order to establish more clearly the fact and degree of adulteration.

SEC. 54. That whenever the said board of health, or its proper officer, shall be satisfied that any article of food, condiment or drink has been adulterated, or is otherwise unsound or unwholesome the said board, or its proper officer, shall forbid the sale or disposal of such article for human food and order it to be destroyed or disposed of as to prevent it from being exposed for sale or used for the food of man; and the person or persons to whom the same belongs, or did belong at the time of exposure for sale, or in whose possession, or on whose premises the same was found, refusing or neglecting to destroy or otherwise dispose of such unsound or unwholesome article as directed, shall be liable to the penalty imposed under the provisions of the fifty-second section of this act. Powers.

SEC. 55. That the said State board of health, or its proper officer, or any inspector or inspectors appointed by said board, are empowered at all reasonable times to inspect and examine any live animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruits, vegetables, bread, milk, wine, spirits, malt or other liquors or things exposed for sale, or deposited in any place for the purpose of sale, or of preparation for sale and intended for the food of man, the proof that the same was not exposed or deposited for any such purpose; or was not intended for the food of man, resting with the party charged; and if such animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruits, vegetable, bread, milk or other things appear to the said board, or its proper officer, or inspector, to be diseased or unsound or unwholesome and unfit for the food of man, the said board, or its proper officer, shall issue an order preventing the sale of such article or articles for human food, and any person neglecting or refusing to obey such an order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine in any sum not less than fifty dollars, and in default of the payment thereof, by imprisonment in the public jail not more than six months. Powers. Fine.

SEC. 56. That it is hereby made the duty of the prosecuting attorneys of this State to appear for the people and to attend to the prosecution of all complaints under this act in all the courts of their respective counties or the city of Baltimore as the case may be. State's attorney.

SEC. 57. That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be annually appropriated for defraying the expenses of chemical and scientific examination of suspected article of food or drink; for salary of inspectors and other necessary expenses to be paid by the treasurer of the State on the warrant of the comptroller, at such times and in such sums as the board may direct. Appropriation.