

mailing of the notice, as aforesaid, appeal to the Circuit Court of any county, sitting in equity, or the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. All such appeals shall be initiated by a petition setting forth concisely the particulars in which the action of the Commissioner is claimed to be unlawful or erroneous. The hearing on petition shall be de novo on both the law and the facts and any party may introduce testimony or other evidence. If the Court finds the action of the Commissioner to be unlawful or contrary to the substantial weight of the evidence, it shall remand the case for further proceedings in accordance with its opinion or order; otherwise, the action of the Commissioner shall be affirmed. From the final decision of the Circuit Court, any party to the case may take an appeal to the Court of Appeals in the same manner as in other equity cases, but not later than the tenth day after the date of the order appealed from; and the Court of Appeals shall promptly hear and determine such appeal.

252. (Rules and Regulations.) The Commissioner may prescribe such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary and proper for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and is hereby authorized to investigate all explosions and fires which may occur in mines, quarries, factories, warehouses, magazines, houses, cars, boats, conveyances, and all other places in which explosives or ingredients are manufactured, transported, stored, or used. The Commissioner is authorized to investigate all explosions, accidents, or fires, in which there is reason to believe that explosives were involved. The Commissioner may in his discretion report his findings in such manner as he may deem fit to the proper Federal or State authorities to the end that if such explosion has been brought about by a willful act, the person or persons causing such act may be proceeded against and brought to justice; or, if the explosion has been brought about by accidental means, that precautions may be taken to prevent similar accidents from occurring. In the prosecution of such investigations the employees under the direction of the Commissioner are hereby granted the authority to enter the premises where such explosion or fire has occurred, to examine plans, books and papers, to administer oaths to, and to examine all witnesses and persons concerned, without let or hindrance on the part of the owner, lessee, operator, or agent thereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.