

Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Licenses," sub-title "Traders," said new section to be known as Section 65A, to follow immediately after Section 65 of said Article, and to read as follows:

65A. Every person, firm, corporation, association or co-partnership opening, establishing, operating or maintaining two or more stores or mercantile establishments where goods, wares and/or merchandise are offered for sale at retail within this State, under the same general management, supervision, or ownership, shall pay the license fees hereinafter prescribed for the privilege of opening, establishing, operating or maintaining such stores or mercantile establishments. The license fee herein prescribed shall be paid annually, and shall be in addition to the license fee prescribed in Sections 45 to 65, both inclusive of this Article.

The license fees herein prescribed shall be as follows:

(1) Upon two stores or more, but not to exceed five stores, the annual license fee shall be five dollars for each such store;

(2) Upon each store in excess of five, but not to exceed ten, the annual license fee shall be twenty dollars for each such additional store;

(3) Upon each store in excess of ten, but not to exceed twenty, the annual license fee shall be one hundred dollars for each such additional store;

(4) Upon each store in excess of twenty, the annual license fee shall be one hundred and fifty dollars for each such additional store.

The term "store" or mercantile establishments as used herein shall not be construed to include automobile service stations at which the principal business is the sale or distribution of gasoline and motor fuel.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved April 21, 1933.

CHAPTER 543.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 654 and 655 of Article 11 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Frederick