

for damages by the employes purchasing such goods, and be liable to the said employes in a sum of money equal to the amount paid for such goods, wares or merchandise bought by such employes.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any such mining corporation who, through its stockholders, officers, by any rule or regulation of its business, shall make any contract with the keepers or owners of any other store whereby the employes of such corporation shall be obliged to trade with such keeper or owner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to damages payable to said employe to the extent of the amount of goods purchased from such store; proof of such a contract between the mining corporation and the storekeeper shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact that such store is under control of such mining corporation and in violation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That any corporation or person who shall violate any of the provisions of this law, which is hereby declared to be a law to prevent employers from controlling the trade of their employes, or coercing and directing them to any certain store, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and the license of such corporation, person or persons, shall be suppressed.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on the first day of January, 1899.

Approved April 14, 1898.

CHAPTER. 494.

AN ACT to repeal section seven hundred and fifty-six of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Police," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section seven hundred and fifty-six of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Police," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, to read as follows:

756. In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund so as above constituted and designated, the said Board of Police Commissioners are empowered, whenever in their opinion the efficiency of the service