

drance, such as locks, bars or gratings of any kind shall be allowed to obstruct or prevent ingress and easy egress through the same, and all doors of exit shall be so constructed as to open outwardly at such exits. Owners or lessees, or any person holding under them, or their agents, violating any of the provisions aforesaid shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof by the Circuit Court for Baltimore county be fined by the court before which such conviction is had for any violation a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid to the County Commissioners, and recovered as other fines in this State. It is made the special duty of the judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county to especially charge the grand jury of said county, upon the execution of the foregoing provisions, and the police authorities of said districts are especially charged with the execution thereof, and to that end shall direct such frequent examinations by some of their officers as the County Commissioners may require of all such places. It shall not be lawful in said districts for any person, agent, owner or proprietor of any sweatshop, manufacturing establishment or factory where four or more persons are employed, to use any coal oil, gasoline or any other explosive or inflammable compound for the purpose of lighting or heating in any form, except under a special permit from the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, granted for that purpose, for a period not exceeding one year, the same to be renewed from time to time by said County Commissioners in their discretion; and any person, agent, owner or proprietor violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof be fined by the court before which such conviction is had, for every violation the sum of one hundred dollars and costs, and stand committed until such fines and costs be paid. The owner or owners of any such home or building used as a sweatshop, manufacturing establishment or factory where four or more persons are employed in said districts, on other than the first floor of such house or building, and the owners or lessees of any public hall, church, school or place of amusement in said districts where persons are supposed to congregate on other than the first floor of the same, shall provide suitable fire escapes for the same; and if any owner or owners, or lessees of any house or building so used fail to make or provide a fire escape as aforesaid, such owner or owners, or lessees, shall pay a fine of two hundred dollars, to be paid to the County Commissioners as aforesaid, and recovered as other fines in this State, or be imprisoned in the county jail for sixty days, or subject to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.