

thereto. The Commission may require such report to contain information in relation to rates or regulations concerning fares or freights, agreements or contracts affecting the same, so far as such rates or regulations pertain to transportation within the State. When the report of any person or corporation is defective, or believed to be erroneous, the Commission shall notify it to amend the same within a time prescribed by the Commission. The originals of the reports, subscribed and sworn to as prescribed by law, shall be preserved in the office of the Commission. The Commission may also require common carriers to file periodically reports of earnings and expenses within a specified time. The Commission may require of all common carriers specific answers to questions upon which the Commission may need information. The annual report required to be filed by a common carrier shall be so filed on or before the thirtieth day of September in each year. The Commission may extend the time for making and filing such report for a period not exceeding sixty days. If such common carrier shall fail to make and file the annual report within the time above specified, or within the time as extended by the Commission, or shall fail to make specific answer to any question, or shall fail to make the periodic reports when required by the Commission as herein provided, within thirty days from the time when it is required to make and file any such report or answer, such common carrier shall forfeit to the State the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day it shall continue to be in default with respect to such report or answer. Such forfeiture shall be recovered in an action brought by the Commission in the name of the State of Maryland. The amount recovered in any such action shall be paid to the State Treasurer, except one-fourth thereof, which shall be paid to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE COMMISSION: PROCEDURE.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commission shall investigate the cause of all accidents on any railroad or street railroad which result in loss of life or injury to persons or property, and which in its judgment shall require investigation. Every common carrier is hereby required to give notice to the Commission of every accident happening upon any line of railroad or street railroad, owned, operated, controlled or leased by it, within thirty days after the happening of every such accident, or in such manner as the Commission may direct. Such notice shall not be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose against such common carrier giving such notice in any suit or action for damages growing out of any matter mentioned in said notice.