

## CHAPTER 779.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 and 252 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," and sub-title "Health—Workshops and Factories—Sweating System," and to re-enact same with amendments, and providing for the registration of factories, workshops, mercantile and mechanical establishments; the furnishing of information as to labor; the labeling of articles manufactured in outside workshops.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, and 249 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," and sub-title "Health—Workshops and Factories—Sweating System" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 243. The owner of every factory, manufacturing and mechanical establishment and workshop, and of every store or other mercantile establishment employing five or more persons, shall register same with the Bureau of Statistics and Information, giving the name and home address of the owner, and if the owner is a corporation, the name and home address of its President and Manager or Chief Business Agent, the address of the business, the name under which it is carried on, the number of employees, and such other data as the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Information may require. Such registration of existing establishments shall be made within six months after this Act takes effect; those hereafter established shall be so registered within thirty days after the commencement of business. Within thirty days after a change in the location of any such establishment, the owner thereof shall file with the Bureau of Statistics and Information the new address of the business, together with such other information as the Chief of said Bureau may require. The registration required by this Section shall be made upon blanks supplied by the Bureau of Statistics and Information.

SEC. 244. The owner, operator, manager or lessee of any factory, workshop, warehouse, elevator, foundry, machine shop, store or other mercantile, manufacturing or mechanical establishment, or any agent, superintendent, subordinate, or employee thereof, or any person employing or directing any labor of any kind whatsoever, shall, when requested by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Information, furnish any information in