

or tax due the State Accident Fund for the first six months, may be collected by the Commission in the same manner and with the same effect as provided in Section 22 of this Act for the collection of premiums or taxes in default.

In exercising the discretion conferred upon it by this section and Section 14 of this Act, the State Industrial Accident Commission shall consider the reputation of any insurance company or association, in which any such employer may desire to insure, for promptness and fairness in the settlement of compensation claims, without unreasonable resistance on the part of any such insurance company or association, and shall also consider the financial strength of the employer, the number of employees employed, the degree of hazard to employees engaged in the employment, the likelihood or danger of several employees being injured or killed by one and the same accident, the relative influence, the different methods, by which compensation may be assured under this Act, are likely to exert upon the employer and his employees for the prevention of accidents, and any other facts or conditions bearing upon the security and promptness of payment of the compensation and the prevention of accidents.

19. It shall be the duty of the Commission to classify any industries subject to this Act mentioned or not mentioned which are insured in the State Accident Fund. And the Commission shall have power on or before the first day of January of each year to reclassify such industries, or oftener, if, in the opinion of the Commission, the same should be deemed just and advantageous; or to create additional classifications with respect to their respective degrees of hazard and determine the risk of the different classes, and fix the rates of premium for each class, according to the risks of the same sufficiently large to guarantee a workmen's compensation fund from year to year. It shall be the duty of the Commission in determining the rates, in order to create a fund sufficiently large to guarantee a workmen's compensation fund from year to year to also reclassify from time to time the industries or occupations, in order that there may be a flexible adjustment of the rates as the hazard fluctuates, and to use all means in their power through the rate adjustment to lessen the opportunities for injuries to the workmen. The classification so determined and the rates of premium established shall be applicable for such year unless a reclassi-