

the said inspector, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Treasury, shall institute proceedings for the prosecution of all persons, firms or corporations failing to procure a license or a license for an adequate amount, said prosecution to be in accordance with Section 6 of this Article, and the Comptroller of the Treasury is hereby empowered to have general supervision over the license laws of this State.

Provided, however, that any law or part of a law under which the State Tax Commission has exercised or may exercise any authority similar to that conferred upon the State Comptroller by this section be and it is hereby repealed to that extent, it being the purpose of this section to concentrate in the office of the State Comptroller the power to supervise the issuance of all licenses issued by the clerks of the several courts of this State, and that this power shall be exercised by no other official.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1, 1922.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

CHAPTER 517.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 345 of Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sect. 345 of Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

345. Minors under the age of eighteen years, upon conviction of any offense punishable by imprisonment, may, in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace, instead of imprisonment in the place provided for in case of offenders generally, be sentenced to imprisonment, provided the term of imprisonment does not extend over minority, in any house of refuge or like institution within the State under police regulation, except the house of reformation, commonly known as the house of reformation for colored children, and no commitments shall be made to the house of reformation ex-