

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 6-A of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Licenses," sub-title "Mode of Issuing—General Provisions," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

6-A. The Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint some suitable person who shall be attached to his office and who shall be designated as Chief Inspector of State Licenses; and the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby further authorized to appoint three Assistant Inspectors of State Licenses; the compensation of said Chief Inspector and said Assistant Inspectors to be fixed in the budget to be submitted by the Governor of Maryland and enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland and the Comptroller of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered to superintend the issuance of all licenses by the clerks of the several courts of this State, and he is further empowered to investigate, through the said inspectors to be appointed under this section, the adequacy of all licenses applied for and issued by the clerks of the several courts of this State to the end that all persons, firms and corporations required to procure licenses under the laws of this State shall procure the same according to the laws thereof, and the said inspectors, 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or may exercise any authority similar to that conferred upon the State Comptroller by this section be and it is hereby repealed to that extent, it being the purpose of this section to concentrate in the office of the State Comptroller the power to supervise the issuance of all licenses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.

Approved April 9, 1924.