

monies so appropriated and expended in conducting and administering the State Accident Fund for the calendar year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for each calendar year thereafter.

As soon as practicable after January 1st, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall ascertain as fully and accurately as possible the total payroll of all the employers of this State, subject to the provisions of this Article, for the preceding calendar year, whether insured in the State Accident Fund, any stock company, or mutual association, or self-insured, and shall also calculate and ascertain the amount paid by the State for administrative expenses of the State Industrial Accident Commission during said preceding calendar year, including the amount chargeable to the State Accident Fund under the preceding paragraph of this section. The Commission shall then calculate and determine the percentage which the total amount of such salaries and expenses, other than the amount chargeable to the State Accident Fund, bore to the total payroll, ascertain as aforesaid for that year, of all the employers of this State subject to the provisions of this Article; and the percentage so calculated and determined shall be assessed against all such employers carrying their own insurance in proportion to their several payrolls, and all insurance carriers, including the State Accident Fund, in proportion to the aggregate payroll of employers insured therewith, as a special tax for the maintenance of the State Industrial Accident Commission, other than for conducting and administering the State Accident Fund, for the calendar year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for each calendar year thereafter; provided, however, that the total amount to be assessed against and paid by such insurance carriers and self-insurers shall not exceed one hundred and ten thousand dollars for any one year.

Payment of said taxes may be enforced by civil action in the name of the State of Maryland, and the amounts so assessed and collected by the Commission shall be paid into the State Treasury to reimburse the State for this portion of the expense of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. And the Commission shall be and is hereby clothed with such power and authority to examine payrolls and require reports from employers and insurance carriers as may be reasonable and necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and to adopt rules and regulations in regard thereto.