

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

CHAPTER 398

(House Bill 218)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel Inspection Law - Enforcement

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Comptroller to conduct investigations, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses and documents, take evidence, issue oaths, and take certain other action to enforce the provisions of the Motor Fuel Inspection Law, and to compel compliance with any subpoena issued by applying for a court order under certain conditions; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 157C

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 157C of Article 56 - Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

157C.

(A) The Comptroller of the Treasury and his duly authorized agents shall have free access to inspect during normal business hours any licensed bulk plant, refinery, marine terminal, pipeline terminal, warehouse, railroad yard or service station where petroleum products are kept or otherwise stored or any motor transport or motor vessel or tank car used in transporting petroleum products for the purpose of examination or inspection and drawing samples. If such access shall be refused by the owner, agent or other persons leasing the same, their refusal shall be construed as prima facie evidence of a violation of this [article.] SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) IN ORDER TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPTROLLER MAY: