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(a) It is unlawful to interfere with or hinder the Commissioner in the performance of his duties under this subtitle, or knowingly to give false information to the Commissioner. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both.

(b) Any person who knowingly employs or permits a minor to work in violation of any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 742

(House Bill 1376)

AN ACT concerning

Railroad Safety - Signal Operation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Licensing and Regulation, State-Railroad-Administration Division of Labor and Industry to ~~adopt the necessary safety regulations to require railroad track signal circuits to be activated by study certain safety issues relating to Maintenance of Way personnel and~~ Maintenance of Way motorized railroad track equipment; and requiring a certain report by the Division of Labor and Industry by a certain date.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is dedicated to providing safe travel and safe working conditions for those who ride and work on the railroads in this State; and

WHEREAS, Trains operating on a railroad track interrupt the flow of ("shunt") an electrical current in the railroad track thereby activating signal devices which alert railroad personnel as well as motorists at railroad grade crossings of the presence of railroad cars on the track; and

WHEREAS, Motorized railroad track equipment and rail mobile vehicles used by Maintenance of Way forces personnel to maintain