

The provisions on workshops are not inherently incompatible with the provisions on occupational safety and health, although the workshop provisions may well have been intended to govern health and safety. The General Assembly may wish to make a specific determination to repeal or retain these provisions as they relate to workshops.

The provisions on homework present a more complicated problem because, at one time, federal regulations so circumscribed homework as to make it unlawful. Thus, as related to homework, Art. 27, §§ 324 through 333 seemingly allowed the State to license unlawful activities. However, the federal regulations are under scrutiny and have been modified. Therefore, Art. 27, §§ 324 through 333 could be revived wholly or partly. Since these provisions were enacted initially in 1884, the General Assembly may wish to examine their continued need.

The first sentence of former Art. 89, § 30(f)(3), which required adoption of lead standards for construction work by January 1, 1984, is transferred to the Session Laws, since the Commissioner has complied. Former Art. 89, § 30(f)(2) and the second sentence of (3), which provided for industrial lead standards during the interim, are deleted as obsolete.

Former Art. 101, §§ 53 through 55, which required the Workmen's Compensation Commission to adopt safety regulations, authorized employment of a director of safety and of safety inspectors, authorized inspections, and provided certain criminal penalties, are deleted as obsolete. Chapter 44, Acts of 1955, established, in the former Department of Labor and Industry, a Division of Industrial Safety to administer an occupational safety program, which is predecessor to the current occupational safety and health program of the Division of Labor and Industry. Chapter 44 transferred the "staff, equipment, records and property" of the Safety Division of the then Industrial Accident Commission — now the Workers' Compensation Commission — to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. The specific powers and duties under former Art. 101, §§ 53 through 55 were neither transferred nor abrogated. Nonetheless, the Workers' Compensation Commission and Commissioner of Labor and Industry concur that former §§ 53 through 55 have been superseded by the provisions revised in this title.

TITLE 6. HIGH VOLTAGE LINES.

6-101. "HIGH VOLTAGE LINE" DEFINED.

IN THIS TITLE, "HIGH VOLTAGE LINE" MEANS AN ELECTRIC LINE THAT:

- (1) IS INSTALLED ABOVE GROUND LEVEL; AND
- (2) HAS A VOLTAGE OF MORE THAN 750 VOLTS:
 - (I) BETWEEN CONDUCTORS; OR
 - (II) FROM A CONDUCTOR TO A GROUND.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the first sentence of Art. 89, § 58.