

section, unless he, at once, insures voluntarily as provided in the second paragraph of this section.

Any employer, subject to the provisions of this Article, who, after November 1st, nineteen hundred and fourteen, fails or refuses to submit to said Commission, as provided in the next succeeding paragraphs, the method he desires to adopt for assuring compensation, or who shall fail to secure insurance by one of such methods, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars. The Court may, in its discretion, remit any such penalty, provided the employer in default assures the compensation as provided in this section; and provided, further, that he has paid or secured to be paid any compensation or other benefits under this Article which may have been awarded against him.

Any such employer who may wish to adopt any one of the methods mentioned in the preceding paragraphs for assuring the payment of compensation to his employees and their dependents, shall first submit to the State Industrial Accident Commission the method he wishes to adopt. The said Commission may approve or reject the method proposed. If rejected, the employer may submit another method authorized under this Article. The said Commission may from time to time revise or alter its decision in approving the election of an employer to adopt any one of the methods of assuring payment of the compensation as provided for in this Article, if such action is reasonably necessary to secure and safeguard such payments to employees or for the diminishing and prevention of accidents. Any action of the Commission for the purpose of diminishing or preventing accidents shall not apply to public service corporations under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. Any decision of said Commission under this Section or Section 14 of this Article may be reviewed by writ of certiorari in the Circuit Court for the county in which the employer may reside or in any of the Common Law Courts of Baltimore City, if the employer resides in Baltimore City.

Any employer, subject to the provisions of this Article, who fails or refuses to insure voluntarily the payment of the compensation specified in this Article to his employees and their dependents through one of the methods of assurance of payment, mentioned in the second paragraph of this section of this Article, or fails to furnish satisfactory proof to the Commission of his financial ability to pay such compensation himself, or give bond or deposit securities as aforesaid, shall at any time after November 1st, nineteen hundred and fourteen, be compelled by the Commission to insure to his employees and their dependents the payment of the compensation specified in this Article, by paying to the State Treasurer for the use and benefit of the State Accident Fund, hereinafter authorized to be established, the premium or taxes levied and published by the Commission for the group of employments, industries or works to which said employer belongs. And any such employer who fails or refuses to so insure within ten days, after being ordered by the Commission to do so, shall be liable to the State in an amount equal to the premium or taxes required of him for six months' insurance in the State Accident Fund, as a penalty,