

any sewage, washings or other offensive matters from any privy, cess-pool, factory, trades establishment, slaughter-house, tannery, or other place, over which he shall have control, to flow therein, or into any drain or pipe communicating therewith, whereby the water supply of any city, town, village, community or household, is fouled or rendered unfit for drinking and domestic purposes, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not more than two hundred dollars for every such offense; and after reasonable notice, not exceeding fifteen days, from the State board of health, or any local sanitary authority, to discontinue the act whereby such water supply is fouled, a further sum of not more than fifty dollars for every day during which the offense is continued.

See art. 43, sec. 328, *et seq.*

### **Contracts with Public Institutions.**

An. Code, sec. 483. 1908, ch. 517.

**534.** Every person having any official connection, either as officer, agent, trustee or member of the board of visitors of any public institution, or private institution supported in whole or in part by money appropriated by the State of Maryland, who shall, after April 6, 1908, become directly or indirectly concerned or interested, for profit, in any contract, purchase or sale of anything for, by, or on account of such institution, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and any person so offending shall upon conviction in any court of this State be immediately dismissed from employment or forfeit his place as such officer, agent, trustee or member of the board of visitors, and be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines are, or imprisoned for a term in the Maryland House of Correction not to exceed one year.

### **Separating Young Child from Mother.**

An. Code, sec. 483A. 1916, ch. 210, sec. 484.

**535.** It shall be unlawful to separate a child under the age of six months from its mother for the purpose of placing such child in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child, or to assist or participate in such separation, or to place, receive or retain any child in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child, or to assist or participate in so placing, receiving or retaining such child; unless it be necessary for the physical good of the mother or of such child that they be separated or that such child be placed, received or retained in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child, and two physicians, qualified to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, and who shall have been engaged in active practice for at least five years, shall have signed a certificate setting out the reasons for such necessity, or unless a Court of competent jurisdiction shall have so ordered, or unless within the discretion of the Board of State Aid and Charities such separation is necessary, and said Board gives its written consent thereto.