

225 thereof, making unlawful the publishing or otherwise disseminating to the public of advertisements of merchandise, commodities or services as part of a scheme or plan not to sell, or not sell such at the advertised price, and relating to the penalty therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 225A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-heading "False Advertisements", and to read as follows:

*225A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to offer for sale merchandise or commodities or service by making, publishing, disseminating, circulating or placing before the general public within this State, in a newspaper or other publication, in a public notice or announcement broadcast on radio or television, or in the form of a book, notice, handbill poster, bill, circular, pamphlet or letter, or in any other way, an advertisement describing such merchandise or commodities, or service, as part of a plan or scheme with the intent not to sell such merchandise, commodities or service so advertised at the price stated therein; or with the intent not to sell such merchandise, commodities or service so advertised. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, may be imprisoned for not exceeding twelve (12) months; and such person or the firm or corporation under whose direction he was acting may, in the discretion of the Court, be subject to a fine of not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).* ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION AND THE SEVERAL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES THEREOF, WHO SHALL VIOLATE THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00, OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1957.

Approved February 20, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 76

(Senate Bill 76)

AN ACT to add seventeen new sections to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", under a new sub-title "Municipal Corporations", said new sections immediately to follow section 405 and to be known as Sections 405A

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.