

ALTER, FORGE, COUNTERFEIT OR FALSIFY certain writings, documents and plates relating to the ownership and operation of motor vehicles and possession or use of the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 77 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

77.

IT SHALL BE A FELONY FOR ANY PERSON TO COMMIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS:

(1) To alter with fraudulent intent any certificate of title, registration card, registration plate, or permit issued by the Department.

~~(2) To forge or counterfeit with fraudulent intent any such document or plate purporting to have been issued by the Department.~~

(2) TO FORGE, COUNTERFEIT OR DUPLICATE OR TO ATTEMPT TO FORGE, COUNTERFEIT OR DUPLICATE OR TO MANUFACTURE, CONSTRUCT OR POSSESS ANY PARAPHERNALIA FOR USE IN SUCH FORGING, COUNTERFEITING OR DUPLICATING, WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT, ANY CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, REGISTRATION CARD, REGISTRATION PLATE, PERMIT OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OR, WITH THE INTENT TO DEFRAUD, TO POSSESS, GIVE AWAY, SELL OR ATTEMPT TO SELL ANY FORGERY, COUNTERFEIT OR DUPLICATION THEREOF.

(3) To alter, forge, or falsify with fraudulent intent any assignment upon a certificate of title.

~~(4) To print, duplicate, manufacture, possess, or sell any fictitious license, permit, registration, or certificate of title, or any facsimile thereof, or any writing or document purporting to be any license, permit, registration, or certificate of title; or to possess, fabricate, set up, or process any plate, engraving, or printer's galley concerning the same.~~

‡(4)‡ ~~(5)~~ To hold or use any such document or registration plate knowing the same to have been so altered, forged, or falsified.

Violation of this section, upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1961.