CHAPTER 551

(House Bill 1251)

AN ACT concerning

Registered Nurses - Penalty for Misrepresentation and Prohibited Acts

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty against--a--person--who represents-falsely-that-the-person-is-authorized-to-practice registered for the false representation of being a nurse or for performing certain prohibited acts in the practice of nursing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations Section 7-710 Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

7-710.

- (A) EXCEPT FOR A VIOLATION OF § 7-707 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.
- (A)--{A}--EXCEPT--AS--PROVIDED--IN--SUBSECTION--{B}--OP-THIS SECTION, (B) A person who violates any provision of § 7-707 OF this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject:
- (1) For a first offense, to a fine not exceeding
- (2) For any subsequent violation of the same provision, to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or both.
- (B)--A-PERSON-WHO-REPRESENTS-TO-THE-PUBLIC-IN-VIOLATION-OF-5
 7-703(A)(1)7--(B)7--OR--(C)--OF--THIS-SUBTITLE-THAT-THE-PERSON-IS
 AUTHORIZED--TO--PRACTICE--REGISTERED--NURSING--IS--GUILTY--OF---A
 MISDEMEANOR--AND-ON-CONVICTION-IS-SUBJECT-TO-A-FINE-NOT-EXCEEDING
 \$17000-OR-IMPRISONMENT-NOT-EXCEEDING-1-YEAR-OR-BOTH: