

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of July, in the year 1904.

Approved March 17, 1904.

CHAPTER 110.

AN ACT to provide for the separate accommodation of white and colored passengers in the sitting, sleeping and eating apartments of all steamboats plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, without any difference or discrimination in the quality of and convenience of accommodation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be the duty of any captain, purser or other officer in command of any steamboat carrying passengers and plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland to assign white and colored passengers on said boats to the respective locations they are to occupy as passengers while on said boat; and that it shall be the duty of said captain, purser or other officer in command to separate, as far as the construction of his boat and due consideration for the comfort of the passengers will permit, the white and colored passengers on said boat in the sitting, sleeping and eating apartments; provided, however, that no discrimination shall be made in the quality and convenience of accommodation afforded passengers in said locations, and provided, that this Act shall not apply to nurses or attendants traveling with their employers, nor to officers in charge of prisoners, whether the said prisoners are white or colored, or both white and colored, or to prisoners in their custody.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any captain, purser or other officer in command of any steamboat as aforesaid who shall refuse to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon indictment in any court having jurisdiction, and conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, and not more than fifty dollars for each offense.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any passenger traveling on any steamboat plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of this State who shall wilfully refuse to occupy the location, whether of sitting, sleeping or eating, set apart or assigned by the captain, purser or other officer in command of such boat,

Separate quarters on steamboats for the races.

Nurses and attendants excepted.

Misdemeanor

Right of officers to eject.