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tolls, rents and charges for the use of its lines, exchange apparatus, service and facilities, and for the transmission of messages, information and intelligence over its lines, to operate exchanges and engage generally in the telephone business in all its branches as the same is now conducted by means of electric currents or effects through wires or by any wireless system or by any other improved system of electric telephone communication.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1904.

CHAPTER 452.

AN ACT to restrict the sale of cocaine in Frederick County.

Restricting the sale of cocaine in Frederick County, Md.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no druggist or other person or corporation in Frederick County shall sell, barter or give away any cocaine, or knowingly sell, barter or give away any preparation containing cocaine in Frederick County to any person, unless on the prescription or order in writing of a duly qualified physician of medicine practicing in Frederick County; and the sale, barter or gift of any preparation containing cocaine shall be *prima facie* evidence that said sale, barter or gift was made knowingly.

Prescriptions for same.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no physician practicing medicine in Frederick County shall give or issue a prescription or order containing cocaine unless in the regular practice of his profession, and it be necessary for the health of the patient or party to whom it is given or issued.

Violations.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That anyone violating any of the provisions of this Act on conviction in the Circuit Court for Frederick County shall be fined by said court not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars for each offense, and on failure to pay said fine, shall be committed to the Maryland House of Correction for not less than three months. The one-half of said fine shall be paid to the informer whether he be an officer or other person.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from May 1, 1904.

Approved April 8, 1904.