

Every person who shall at any hotel, inn, boarding house or livery stable receive or cause to be furnished any food or accommodation for man or beast, and shall fraudulently fail to pay for the same, and every person who shall obtain credit at any hotel, inn or boarding house by the use of any false pretense or device, or by fraudulently depositing at such hotel, inn or boarding house any baggage or property of value less than the amount of such credit or of the bill by such person incurred; and every person who, after obtaining credit or accommodation at any hotel, inn or boarding house shall abscond or fraudulently depart or remove his baggage therefrom without discharging the debt as aforesaid incurred, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term of not less than one month nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. And in determination of any question arising under this section the fact that such departure or removal was without the knowledge or consent of the proprietor or manager of such hotel, inn or boarding house or the representatives or agent of such proprietor or manager, shall be treated as presumptive evidence that such departure or removal was fraudulent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall apply to or affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to the passage of this act, or the punishment provided for such offense.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 688.

AN ACT levying a special paving tax upon property in Baltimore City specially benefited by improved paving, the proceeds of said tax to go into or augment the new paving fund provided by the Act of 1906, Chapter 401, and the Act of 1908, Chapter 202, and to be spent by the paving commission provided for by said acts, and to authorize the Appeal Tax Court and the City Collector to perform certain duties relating to said special tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there is hereby levied and imposed upon property