

CHAPTER 133.

AN ACT for the better regulation of public halls, churches, schools and places of amusement in the cities of Baltimore, Cumberland, Frederick, Annapolis, Hagerstown and Frostburg, in this State.

Not lawful.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for the owners or lessees of any public hall, church, school or place of amusement in the cities of Baltimore, Cumberland, Frederick, Annapolis, Hagerstown or Frostburg, to obstruct, or allow to be obstructed by others, any of the aisles or passage-ways in the auditorium of said halls, churches, schools or places of amusement, by placing therein any benches, chairs or stools or other articles that may prevent free egress or ingress during the hours that said places may be open to the public.

Required to
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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said owners or lessees, or their agents, are hereby required to keep open, at all hours during the time said halls, churches, schools or other places of amusement are open to the public, all doors giving means of ingress or egress, unless said doors open outward from said places, then the same may be closed, but no hindrance, such as locks or catches of any kind, shall be allowed to obstruct or prevent instant and easy egress through the same, and when said doors open inwards, it is required of said owners, lessees and their agents, that said doors shall be fastened securely and firmly open.

Guilty of vio-
lation.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the owner or lessee, or any person holding under them or their agent, guilty of the violation of this act, or any of the sections, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined by the court before whom such conviction is had, for any violation, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines in this State, and that one-half of such fines shall go to the State and the other half to the cities or counties where such violation occurs and conviction thereof is had.