

## CHAPTER 596.

AN ACT to prevent and punish fraud in sales of goods, wares and merchandise at public or private sale by itinerant vendors, and to regulate such sales.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the words "itinerant vendors" for the purposes of this act, shall be construed to mean and include all persons, both principals and agents, who engage in a temporary or transient business in this State, either in one or more places in one locality, or in travelling from place to place selling goods, wares and merchandise, and who, for the purpose of carrying on such business, hire, lease or occupy any building or structure for the exhibition and sale of such goods, wares and merchandise.

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SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the provisions of this act shall not apply to sales made to dealers by commercial travellers or selling agents in the usual course of business, nor to *bona fide* sales of goods, wares and merchandise by sample for future delivery, or to hawkers on the streets or peddlers from vehicles.

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SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That every itinerant vendor who shall sell or expose for sale, at public or private sale, any goods, wares and merchandise without State and local licenses therefor, issued as hereinafter provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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SEC. 4. *Be it enacted,* That all persons, both principals and agents, who shall by circular, handbill, newspaper, or in any other manner advertise any such sales as those referred to in the section last preceding, before proper licenses shall be issued to the vendor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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SEC. 5. *Be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of every itinerant vendor whether principal or agents before commencing business, to take out a State license and local license in the manner hereinafter set forth, but nothing herein contained shall effect the rights of any municipal corporation or board of county commissioners to pass such ordinances or orders relative to itinerant vendors as may be permissible under the general law or under their respective charters or powers.

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