

coaches by steam on any railroad line or track, or owning or operating steamboats carrying passengers, plying in the waters of this State, in the counties of Somerset, Wicomico, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Worcester, Queen Anne's, Kent, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Charles and St. Mary's, in the State of Maryland, for the transportation of passengers, are hereby required to provide separate cars or coaches for the travel and transportation of the white and colored passengers on their respective lines of railroads, and separate sleeping, eating and sitting apartments on the steamboats, and each compartment of a car or coach, divided by a good and substantial partition, with a door or place of exit from each division, shall be deemed a separate car or coach within the meaning of this Act, and each separate car, coach or compartment, shall bear in some conspicuous place appropriate words, in plain letters, indicating that it is set apart for colored passengers.

"Sec. 2. Be it enacted, That the railroad companies and corporations and persons aforesaid shall make no difference or discrimination in the quality of or convenience or accommodation in the cars, coaches or compartments set apart for white and colored passengers.

"Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That any railroad company or corporation or persons that shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offence.

"Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the conductors or managers of all railroads within the counties above mentioned, shall have power, and are hereby required, to assign to each white or colored passenger his or her respective car, coach or compartment, and should any passenger refuse to occupy the car, coach or compartment to which he or she may be assigned by the conductor or manager, the conductor or manager shall have the right to refuse to carry any such passenger on his train, and may put such passenger off his train,