

CHAPTER 738.

(House Bill 384)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 509A, to follow immediately after Section 509 of said Article and to be under new sub-title "Passenger Boats", relating to the use of ship-to-shore telephones and other such devices on certain boats or vessels in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 509A, to follow immediately after Section 509 of said Article and to be under new sub-title "Passenger Boats", and to read as follows:

PASSENGER BOATS

509A. Every boat or vessel, of whatever description, operating upon the waters of this State and carrying in addition to the crew and employees thereof a total of twenty-five (25) or more paying or guest passengers, shall be equipped with a ship-to-shore telephone or with such other mechanical device or devices which shall enable the crew and employees thereof under all reasonable conditions and whenever an emergency may so require, to establish such contact with points or persons on shore as may be necessary to seek assistance. The captain, master or owner of any such boat or vessel which begins any such trip on waters of this State without being so equipped shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed as extending or applying to boats or vessels in interstate or foreign commerce.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 739.

(House Bill 394)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 273 to 278, inclusive, of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title