

produce for State consuming institutions and to determine standards and prices for such products and compensation to prison inmates; requiring the State, its political subdivisions and State-aided, owned, managed or controlled public or semi-public institutions (with the exceptions stated therein) to purchase of the Board of Welfare their requirements of all goods, wares, merchandise and farming products that the Board of Welfare can supply with articles and produce manufactured in, produced, mined or raised by the State Penal or Reformatory Institutions, all to be purchased in the manner and on the terms therein provided for, and conferring certain other powers upon the Board of Welfare.

SECTION. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Section 676 of Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title, "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title, "The Department of Welfare", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

676. (1) No goods, wares or merchandise (whether contained in the original package or otherwise) manufactured, produced or mined wholly or in part by convicts or prisoners in the State of Maryland or elsewhere, (except convicts or prisoners on parole or probation), shall be sold in this State except by or for the State of Maryland, to its political subdivisions or a State-aided, owned, controlled or managed public or quasi-public institution or agency and in no event either directly or indirectly to the consuming public, except that perishable vegetables may be sold to canneries as authorized by Article 88A, Sec. 32.

(2) Should any person, firm, association or corporation, directly or indirectly violate the provisions of this section the person or persons knowingly participating in such violation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

(3) The Board of Welfare is hereby authorized and empowered in its discretion to equip as funds become available the penal and reformatory institutions of the State of Maryland under its jurisdiction, hereinafter called "Producing Institutions", with such plants, machinery and necessaries as will permit them adequately to supply all goods, wares, merchandise and produce required to be purchased by the needs of the State, its political sub-divisions, and by State-aided, owned, controlled or managed public or quasi-public institutions and agencies, hereinafter called "Consuming Institutions", as may