

Chapter 240.

AN ACT for the protection of persons engaged in hermetically sealing or canning fruits, vegetables or other articles of food in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* If any person shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or shall willingly aid or assist in falsely making, altering, forging or counterfeiting, or shall utter or pass, knowing it to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any metallic check, card or other substance or device used or intended to be used by any person engaged in hermetically sealing or canning fruits, vegetables or other articles of food in this State, as an evidence of indebtedness from or by any person engaged in preserving food as aforesaid, to any person employed by him, her or them, or used as an evidence or record of the State of accounts existing between the said employer and any of his employees, shall be deemed a felon, and on conviction in any court in this State be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years.

Falsely make,
alter, &c.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* If any person shall steal, take and carry away any metallic check, card or other device issued or delivered by any employer or employers in this State to his, her or their employees, having stamped, written or otherwise indicated thereon any numerals or other characters intended to indicate the sum or sums which may be due from the said employers to the said employees, he or she shall be deemed a felon, and on conviction thereof shall be punished in the same manner and to the same extent as if he or she had been convicted of stealing, taking and carrying away lawful money of the United States of the same legal value as the sum or sums which the said metallic check, card or other device may represent as being due from the said employer or employers to any employee or employees, whether the same shall have been issued and delivered to any employee, or only stamped or

How punished