

CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT to prevent the employment of females as sitters in variety entertainment or concert halls, in this State.

Female sitters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be unlawful for any proprietor, lessee or manager of any variety entertainment or concert hall, after the passage of this act, (whether an admittance fee is charged or not), to employ, engage or allow any female sitters (or by whatever other name they may be called) in or about said entertainment or concert hall, building, room or premises; and all females who are allowed in or about the said premises who shall drink, smoke or partake of any kind of eatables or refreshments at the expense of others, or solicit others to purchase such things as may be purchased there, upon which they shall receive or expect to receive a commission, or who may be paid a regular salary therefor, or who participate in any way in the profits thereof, shall be deemed sitters under this act.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person convicted of a violation of this act, shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or be confined in Jail or the House of Correction for a period of not less than two months nor more than twelve months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court, for each offence, and every female sitter employed, engaged or allowed in and about said premises shall be considered a separate offence under this act.

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