

CHAPTER 480.

AN ACT to prevent sales of any goods, wares or other merchandise by way of gift enterprise in packages or otherwise, and providing a penalty therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no person or body corporate shall be permitted, either directly or indirectly, by agent or otherwise, to barter, sell or trade, or to offer for barter, sale or trade, by any publication, or in any way, any wares, goods or merchandise of any description, in package or bulk, holding out as an inducement for any such barter, sale or trade, or the offer of the same, any scheme or device by way of gift enterprises of any kind or character whatsoever.

To prohibit gift inducements.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person or body corporate violating the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace or Court of competent jurisdiction in this State, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars for any such offence.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1886.