

Chapter 312.

AN ACT to prevent deception in the sale or use of butter and cheese, and to preserve the public health.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no person shall manufacture out of any oleaginous substance or substances, or any compound of the same other than that produced from unadulterated milk, or of cream from the same, any article designed to take the place of butter or cheese produced from pure, unadulterated milk or cream of the same, or shall sell or offer for sale the same as an article of food. This provision shall not apply to pure skim milk or cheese made from pure skim milk. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or not less than six months or more than one year imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment for the first offence, and by imprisonment for one year for each subsequent offence. Not permitted
Punishment.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no person, by himself or his agents or servants, shall render or manufacture out of any animal fat or animal or vegetable oils not produced from unadulterated milk, or cream from the same, any article in imitation or semblance of natural butter or cheese produced from pure, unadulterated milk or cream of the same; nor mix, compound with or add to milk, cream or butter any acids or other deleterious substance, or any animal fats or animal or vegetable oils not produced from milk or cream, so as to produce any article or substance, or any human food in imitation or semblance of natural butter or cheese; nor sell, keep for sale, or offer for sale, any article, substance or compound made, manufactured or produced in violation of the provisions of this section, whether such article, substance or compound shall be made or produced in this state or elsewhere. This section shall not be so construed as to re- Unlawful to
use acids, etc.