

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

415. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons or association of persons, or for any corporation or corporations, to bet, wager or gamble, in any manner or by any means, or make, sell or buy, books or pools, or any interest therein, within the limits of Cecil county, on the result of any trotting, pacing or running race of horses or other beasts, or race or contest of any kind, trotted, run or paced, or held within or without the limits of Cecil county aforesaid, or to establish, keep, rent, use or occupied, or knowingly suffer to be used, kept, rented or occupied, any house, building, vessel, grounds or place, or portion of any house, building, vessel, grounds or place, on land or water, within the limits of Cecil county aforesaid, for the purpose of betting, wagering or gambling, in any manner or by any means, or making, selling or buying books or pools, therein or thereon, upon the result of any race or contest aforesaid, or within the limits of Cecil county aforesaid, by any means or devices whatsoever, to receive, become the depository, of record or register or forward, or purport or pretend to forward, any money, bet, wager, thing or consideration of value, to be bet, gambled or wagered, in any manner or by any means or devices whatsoever, upon the result of any race or contest aforesaid, or to aid, assist or abet in any manner or by any means whatsoever, within the limits of Cecil county aforesaid, in any of the acts forbidden by the provisions of this section; any and every person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, one-half thereof to go to the informer, and the other half thereof to go to the Board of County School Commissioners of Cecil county, for the use of the public schools thereof, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than six months nor more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Unlawful to bet, wager or gamble.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, so far as they apply to Cecil county, be and the same are hereby repealed. Penalty. Repeal.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect from the fourth day of April, 1898, but nothing herein contained shall apply to or affect any civil or criminal proceeding pending at the date aforesaid. Effective.

Approved March 2, 1898.