

charges or other compensations; and any public, quasi-public or other corporation of the State, shall have the power to enter into such a contract with this corporation.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective

Approved April 9, 1898.

CHAPTER 364.

AN ACT to prevent deception in the sale of Red Clover Seed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every person who shall sell, or offer, or expose for sale red clover seed, with which there has been mixed in any way what is commonly known as "yellow trefoil seed," shall prominently, distinctly and durably stamp, brand or stencil upon the top or tops, side or sides, and bottom or bottoms of each and every box, bag or package of such article or substance the words, containing yellow trefoil seed, in plain roman letters, not less than half an inch square, placed horizontally in proper order, thus—"Containing Yellow Trefoil Seed," so as to be conspicuous in any position in which the package or packages may be placed; and every sale of any such mixture of red clover and yellow trefoil seeds, whatever name may be given or applied to it, either wholesale or retail, not so stamped, branded, stenciled, marked or labeled, shall be void, and no action or actions shall be maintained for the price thereof.

How stamped.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That any person or persons who shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this Act, and every person or persons who shall render illegible, concede or hide in any manner the inscription to be stamped, branded or stenciled, as hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned in the jail of the city or county in which such illegal act was done, not less than five nor more than thirty days, in the discretion of the court, and shall be fined fifty dollars for the first offense, and shall be imprisoned, as aforesaid, not less than sixty days nor more than ninety days, and be fined one hundred dollars for the second offense, one-half of the fine imposed upon any case to go to the informer; and on the trial of any one for violating the provisions of this Act, proof of the sale, or offer to sell, or exposure for sale, of the said mixture mentioned in the previous portions of this Act, shall be presumptive evidence of knowledge of the character of the article so sold, or offered, or exposed.

Guilty of misdemeanor.