

CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 177, 178, 179 and 180 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Stallions— by owners or agents of."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1904), Article 27, Sections 177, 178, 179 and 180, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Stallions— by owners or agents of," be and the same hereby are repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SEC. 177. Every owner or agent who may have the custody or control of any stallion or jackass, who shall charge a fee for the services of such stallion or jackass, shall before advertising or offering such service to the public for any fee, reward or compensation, file with the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which such owner or owners, agent or agents, reside, or in which such stallion or jackass shall be kept for service, or if such service shall be offered in the city of Baltimore, then with the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, a written statement giving the name, age, pedigree and record, if known, and if not known, then that the same is unknown, the description, terms and conditions upon which such stallion or jackass will serve. Upon filing such statement, the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, as the case may be, shall issue a certificate or license to the owner or owners, agent or agents having the custody and control of such stallion or jackass, that such a statement has been filed in his office; the owners, or agent or agents, of the owners of such stallion or jackass shall then post a written or printed copy of the statement so filed with such clerk, in a conspicuous place in each locality in which said stallion or jackass shall be kept for service.

SEC. 178. Every owner or agent who shall proclaim or publish a false or fraudulent pedigree or record, or statement of any kind regarding any stallion or jackass, or who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of Section 177 shall forfeit all fees for the services of such stallion or jackass. And the person or persons who may be deceived or defrauded by such false or fraudulent pedigree, or record or statement, may sue for and recover in any court of competent jurisdiction, such damage as may be shown to have been sustained by reason of such false and fraudulent representation.