

eral Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Murder," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 335. Every person convicted of murder in the first degree, his or her aiders, abettors and counsellors shall suffer death, or undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of the State for the period of their natural life, in the discretion of the court before whom such person may be tried.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed so as in any manner to affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to the passage of this Act, or the punishment provided for such offense.

Approved March 25, 1908.

CHAPTER 617.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 27, Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Passengers, White and Colored—transportation by railroad companies, by steamboat companies," to be known as Section 356, and requiring steamboat companies to provide separate toilet, or retiring rooms, and separate sleeping quarters for white and colored passengers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That an additional section be added to Article 27, Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Passengers, White and Colored—transportation by railroad companies, by steamboat companies," to be known as Section 356, and to read as follows:

SEC. 356. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning and operating steamboats on the Chesapeake Bay, between the city of Baltimore and points on said bay or its tributaries, to provide separate toilet or retiring rooms, and separate sleeping cabins on their respective steamboats, on or before the first day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and eight, for white and colored passengers, under a penalty of a fine of fifty dollars for each and every day said steamboats may be operated upon the waters aforesaid in violation of this section, and the provisions of the four preceding sections shall apply in the assigning of passengers to the use of the toilet, or retiring rooms, and the sleeping quarters set apart for the respective white and colored passengers.