

a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the first day of July, 1917.

Approved June 28th, 1917.

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Poison—Attempting to," said additional section to follow immediately after Section 409 of said Article and sub-title and to be numbered 409A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an additional section be and the same hereby is added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Poison—Attempting to," said additional section to follow immediately after Section 409 of said Article and sub-title, to be numbered 409A, and to read as follows:

409A. Every person, his aiders and abettors, who knowingly and wilfully poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts or contaminates the waters of any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, stream, river, reservoir or other source of water supply, or any tributary thereof, used or usable for drinking or domestic purposes, by means of disease germs or bacteria or the insertion of any other poison or poisonous matter therein, or attempts so to do, or conspires or connives thereat, and every person, his aiders and abettors, who, by like means, knowingly and wilfully poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts or contaminates any drink, food or food products or supply, or attempts so to do, or conspires or connives thereat, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for not more than twenty years, in the discretion of the Court.