

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is and it is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety.

Approved March 22nd, 1918.

CHAPTER 84.

AN ACT to add eight new Sections to Article XVI of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," to be known as Sections 136-A, 136-B, 136-C, 136-D, 136-E, 136-F, 136-G, 136-H, and come in after Section 136 thereof under the sub-title "Nuisances by Maintenance of Places of Lewdness, Abatement Thereof and Injunctions Against the Same."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That eight new sections be added to Article XVI of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Chancery," and to be known as Sections 136-A, 136-B, 136-C, 136-D, 136-E, 136-F, 136-G, 136-H, and come in after Section 136 thereof under the sub-title "Nuisances by Maintenance of Places of Lewdness, Abatement Thereof and Injunctions Against the Same," and to read as follows:

136-A. Whoever shall erect, establish, continue, maintain, use, own or rent any building, erection, or place used for purposes of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution in the State of Maryland, is guilty of a nuisance, and the building, erection, or place, and the ground itself in or upon which such lewdness, assignation, or prostitution is conducted, permitted or carried on, continued, or exists, and the furniture, fixtures, musical instruments, and other contents thereof are also declared a nuisance, and may be enjoined and abated as hereinafter provided.

136-B. Whenever a nuisance is kept, maintained, or exists such as is defined in this Act, the State's Attorney of any County or of Baltimore City, or the Attorney-General of the State of Maryland, or any citizen of the State of Maryland, may maintain an action in equity in the name of the State of Maryland, upon the relation of such State's Attorney, of the Attorney-General of the State of Maryland, or of such citizen, to abate and perpetually enjoin said nuisance, and the person or persons conducting or maintaining the same, and the owner or agent of the building or ground upon which said nuisance exists from continuing the same. In such action the Court