

or by registered letter, each of the creditors of the vendor named in the statement of the proposed purchase by him of such stock of goods, wares, or merchandise; and whenever any person shall purchase any stock of goods, wares, or merchandise in bulk, or shall pay the purchase price or any part thereof, without having first demanded and received from his vendor the statement under oath as provided in Section 98, and without having notified or cause to be notified all of the creditors of the vendor named in such statement as in the Section presented, such purchase, sale or transfer shall, to any and all subsisting creditors of the vendor, be void.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 410.

AN ACT to add an additional Section to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title, "Fraud," to be known as Section 138½.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section, to come in after Section 138 and to be designated as Section 138½, be and is hereby added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, of 1904, title, "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title, "Fraud," to read as follows:

SEC. 138½. Any person, firm, corporation or association, who or which in a newspaper, circular, or circular or form letter or other publication published in this State willfully and knowingly makes or disseminates any statement or asseveration of fact concerning the quality, the quantity, the value, the method of production or manufacture, or the reason for the price of his or their merchandise, or the manner or source of purchase of such merchandise or the possession of awards, prizes, or distinction conferring a gain of such merchandise, or the motive or purpose of a sale, intended to give the appearance of an offer advantageous to the purchaser, which is false and fraudulent, shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

Any person, firm, corporation or association or any employe thereof, who violates any provision of this Section shall be