

or animal, or to commit any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, prescribing the form of indictment which shall be sufficient in describing said crimes and providing the penalty therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1910, as legalized by Chapter 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1914, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Sodomy," said new section so added to come in immediately after section 439 of said Article 27, and to be known as Section 439-A of said Article 27 and to read as follows:

SEC. 439-A. Every person who shall be convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in jail or in the House of Correction or in the Penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the Court.

And in any indictment for the commission of any of the acts, hereby declared to be offenses, it shall not be necessary to set forth the particular unnatural or perverted sexual practice with the commission of which the defendant may be charged, nor to set forth the particular manner in which said unnatural or perverted sexual practice was committed, but it shall be sufficient if the indictment set forth that the defendant committed a certain unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is one of emergency, and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, it shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 18th, 1916.