

be furnished any food or accommodation for man or beast, and shall fraudulently fail to pay for the same, and every person who shall obtain credit at any hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium by the use of any false pretense or device, or by fraudulently depositing at such hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium any baggage or property of value less than the amount of such credit or of the bill by such person incurred; and every person who, after obtaining credit or accommodation at any hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium, shall abscond or fraudulently depart or remove his baggage therefrom without discharging the debt as aforesaid incurred, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term of not less than one month nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. And in determination of any question arising under this Section the fact that such departure or removal was without the knowledge or consent of the proprietor or manager of such hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium or the representatives or agent of such proprietor or manager, shall be treated as presumptive evidence that such departure or removal was fraudulent. Nothing in this Section shall apply to or affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to June 1, 1924, or the punishment provided for such offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 441.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 72 and 77 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Infants," relating to the adoption of minors.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 72 and 77 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Chancery," sub-title "Infants," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

72. The several equity courts of this State, upon the application of any person residing in the city or county where such