

tance the motor vehicle travels; making it unlawful and prescribing penalties for any person who hires, leases or rents a motor vehicle to violate or break an agreement not to permit another to operate or drive such motor vehicle, and for any person who operates such motor vehicle without the consent of the owner; providing that Justices of the Peace with criminal jurisdiction in Baltimore City may hear and determine all complaints of violations of this Act, and giving a right of appeal to the Criminal Court of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That seven new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," the same to follow immediately after Section 187 of said Article 27, to be known as Sections 187-A, 187-B, 187-C, 187-D, 187-E, 187-F and 187-G, and to read as follows:

187-A. Any person who shall, with intent to defraud, hire, lease or rent a motor vehicle, the hire or charge for which is based either in whole or part on the distance such motor vehicle travels while in the custody of the person hiring, leasing or renting the same, knowing that the hub-dometer or other mechanical device attached to such motor vehicle, or any part thereof, for the purpose of registering the distance such motor vehicle travels, does not correctly register the distance such motor vehicle travels, or who shall knowingly deceive any person who hires, leases or rents any motor vehicle as to the distance such motor vehicle has traveled during the period it was so hired, leased or rented, and shall make a charge for the use of such motor vehicle based wholly or in part upon the inaccurate distance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

187-B. Any person who hires, leases or rents a motor vehicle to any person to operate upon any public highway, road or street, knowing that such person is under the influence of liquor or drugs shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, or imprison-