

CHAPTER 612.

(House Bill 627)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Bribery", said new section to be known as 31A making the bribery of persons participating in athletic events a crime.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 31A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Bribery", is hereby enacted to read as follows:

31A. Any person or persons who shall bribe or attempt to bribe any persons participating in or connected in any way with any athletic contest held in this State shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on being convicted thereof shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00), or, in the discretion of the Court shall be sentenced to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary of this State for not less than six months nor more than three years, or both fined and imprisoned; and any person so bribing or attempting to bribe or so demanding or receiving a bribe shall be a competent witness, and compellable to testify against any person or persons who may have committed any of the aforesaid offenses; provided, that any person so compelled to testify in any such case shall be exempt from trial and punishment for the crime of which such person so testifying may have been a participant.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 11, 1939.

CHAPTER 613.

(House Bill 376)

AN ACT to add three new sections to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Merit System", to be under the sub-title "Rates of Compensation", said new sections to be known as Sections 13A to 13C, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 13 of said