

## CHAPTER 125.

(Senate Bill 89)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 154 and 155 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Boarding Houses, Hotel and Livery Stable Keepers," and to repeal Section 155A of said Article, relating to fraud upon hotels and lodging houses.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 155A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Fraud—Boarding Houses, Hotel and Livery Stable Keepers," be and it is hereby repealed and that Sections 154 and 155 of said Article be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

154. Every person who shall by any false or fraudulent representations, or by any false show of baggage, goods or chattels, which are calculated to deceive any hotel proprietor, keeper or manager, obtain lodging or credit in an amount in excess of the realizable value of such baggage, goods or chattels, and shall subsequently refuse, decline or fail to pay in full for his credit, board or lodging, whether or not such person shall have made any payment on account shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on 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.

155. Every person who shall at any hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital, sanitarium receive or cause to be furnished any food or accommodation and shall fraudulently fail to pay in full for same, whether or not such person shall have made any payment on account, 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 a realizable value less than the amount of such credit or of the bill by such person incurred whether or not such person shall have made any payment on account; and every person who, after obtaining credit or accommodation