

CHAPTER 383.

(Senate Bill 180)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", said new section to be known as Section 4C and to follow immediately after Section 4B of said Article, making inadmissible in any civil suit evidence that a party refused to testify in any criminal case involving the same matter.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Evidence", sub-title "Competency of Witnesses", said new section to be known as Section 4C and to follow immediately after Section 4B of said Article, and to read as follows:

4C. In the trial of any civil suit, action or proceeding, no evidence shall be admissible to prove that any party thereto neglected or refused to testify in any criminal proceeding involving the same transaction, occurrence or subject matter.

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

Approved May 3, 1939.

CHAPTER 384.

(Senate Bill 188)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "False Pretenses", said new section to be known as Section 141A and to follow immediately after Section 141 of said Article, providing for making fraudulent non-payment of wages a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "False