

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That fifteen (15) new Sections be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Crimes and Punishments", under a new sub-title "Sabotage Prevention", said new sub-title to follow immediately after Section 576 of said Article 27, and said fifteen (15) new Sections to follow immediately after said new sub-title, and to be known as Sections 576A, 576B, 576C, 576D, 576E, 576F, 576G, 576H, 576-I, 576J, 576K, 576L, 576M, 576N and 576-O of said Article, and to read as follows:

576A. *Definitions.* As used in this Act:

"Highway" includes any private or public street, way or other place used for travel to or from property.

"Highway Commissioners" means any individual, board or other body having authority under then existing law to discontinue the use of the highway which it is desired to restrict or close to public use and travel.

"Public Utility" includes any pipe line, gas, electric, heat, water, oil, sewer, telephone, telegraph, radio, railway, railroad, airplane, transportation, communication or other system, by whomsoever owned or operated for public use.

576B. *Intentional Injury to or Interference with Property.* Whoever intentionally destroys, impairs, injures, interferes or tampers with real or personal property with reasonable grounds to believe that such act will hinder, delay or interfere with the preparation of the United States or of any of the States for defense or for war, or with the prosecution of war by the United States, or by any country with which the United States shall then maintain friendly relations, shall upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten (10) years, or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or both: Provided, if such person so acts with the intent to hinder, delay or interfere with the preparation of the United States or of any of the States for defense or for war, or with the prosecution of war by the United States, or by any country with which the United States shall then maintain friendly relations, the minimum punishment shall, upon conviction, be imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one (1) year and the maximum punishment shall be as above provided.

576C. *Intentionally Defective Workmanship.* Whoever intentionally makes or causes to be made or omits to note on inspection any defect in any article or thing with reasonable grounds to believe that such article or thing is intended