

CHAPTER 316

(Senate Bill 309)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 436B, to be under the new sub-title "Manufactured Articles", and to follow immediately after Section 436A of said Article, relating to the removal of serial numbers from any manufactured article.

SECTION 1. *Beit 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 (1947 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 436B, to be under the new sub-title "Manufactured Articles", and to follow immediately after Section 436A of said Article, and to read as follows:

436B. (a) *It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface or obliterate any manufacturer's serial number punched or affixed by plate to any manufactured article or product where the intent or purpose is to prevent the tracing or identification of said article or product.*

(b) *It shall be unlawful for any person KNOWINGLY to retain in his possession or to offer for sale any manufactured article or product from which the manufacturer's serial number has been SO removed, defaced or obliterated. if said article or product is the current model being manufactured or offered by the manufacturer at that time.*

(c) *Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$300.00 or imprisoned not exceeding one year or be both fined and imprisoned for each and every offense.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved April 13, 1951.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.