

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 612

(House Bill 528)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 22A of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", sub-title "Auctions", as said section was added by Chapters 567 and 674 of the Acts of 1953, amending the laws on public auctions in Garrett County to provide a penalty therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 22A of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Garrett County", sub-title "Auctions", as said section was added by Chapters 567 and 674 of the Acts of 1953, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

22A. Any person, firm or corporation which shall hold or conduct regular weekly or monthly public auctions in Garrett County for the purpose of holding or offering for sale any livestock, farm products or other items of personal property ~~belonging to residents of Garrett County~~, shall furnish a bond with cash or corporate surety as provided by this section. Such bond shall be in an amount which is not less than ninety per cent (90%) of the average total sales by such person, firm or corporation at such auctions in the previous year, the exact amount of which shall be approved in each instance by the County Agricultural Agent, AFTER STUDYING A FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY THE OPERATING AUCTION AFTER THE COMPLETION OF EACH YEAR OF BUSINESS. Any person, firm or corporation which did not conduct regular auctions during the previous year shall furnish a bond in the amount of ~~\$20,000.00~~ \$15,000.00. The bond shall be made payable to the County Commissioners of Garrett County, conditioned upon saving harmless any consignors from Garrett County who shall send any such goods for sale at the auction, from any failure or delay of more than three days in making payment in full for any goods sold at the auction. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to or affect any private sale of any such goods. *Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00, OR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR, OR, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT, TO BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.*

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.