

CHAPTER 473

(House Bill 71)

AN ACT to add new Section 418A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Obscene and Other Objectionable Publications", sub-heading "Obscene Publications", to follow immediately after Section 418 thereof, relating to the sale, loan, giving away, showing of, advertising for sale or commercial distribution of obscene literature to persons under 18 years of age.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 418A be and is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Obscene and Other Objectionable Publications", sub-heading "Obscene Publications", to follow immediately after Section 418 thereof and to read as follows:

418A. A person who wilfully or knowingly, sells, lends, gives away, shows, advertises for sale or distributes commercially to any person under the age of 18 years or has in his possession with intent to give, lend, show, sell, distribute commercially or otherwise offer for sale or commercial distribution to any individual under the age of 18 years any books, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, story papers, writing paper, picture, card, drawing or photograph, or any article or instrument of use which, for a person below the age of 18 years is obscene, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or shall be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

For the purposes of this Section, "knowingly" shall mean having knowledge of the character and content of the publication or failure to exercise reasonable inspection which would disclose the content and character of the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 474

(House Bill 3)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 217, 218, 223, 224, 225, 226 and 227 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Crab Meat", relating to the licensing of persons preparing and processing crab meat, and to the standards required for the preparation, processing and sale of crab meat in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*