

sale, purchase, or offer to purchase, barter, exchange, or buy at any time within the State of Maryland any game bird or game animal of any species (except muskrat, *raccoon and opossum*) whether same has been caught or killed within the State of Maryland or in any other State, territory, or country, except live game may be purchased and kept in captivity for propagation purposes only upon securing a permit from the Director, and the payment of two dollars (\$2.00). Said permit shall expire on December 31 of each year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.

CHAPTER 395

(Senate Bill 433)

AN ACT to add new Section 151A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Statements," to follow immediately after Section 151 thereof, relating to the offense of knowingly, under certain circumstances, circulating or transmitting a statement or rumor concerning the location or possible detonation of a bomb or other explosive, and relating to the enforcement of this offense and the punishment therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 151A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Statements," to follow immediately after Section 151 thereof, and to read as follows:

151A.

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if, knowing the statement or rumor to be false, he circulates or transmits to another or others, with intent that it be acted upon, a statement or rumor, written, printed, or by word of mouth, concerning the location or possible detonation of a bomb or other explosive. An offense under this section committed by the use of a telephone may be deemed to have been committed either at the place at which the telephone call or calls were made or at the place at which the telephone call or calls were received.

A person convicted of violating this section is subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or to imprisonment for not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. This section does not apply to any statement or rumor made or circulated by an officer, employee, or agent of a bona fide civilian defense organization or agency, if made in the regular course of his duties with that organization or agency.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.