

title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Returnable Containers and Marked Articles of Linen Suppliers", correcting an error in the laws relating to registration and other procedure applicable to returnable containers and marked articles of linen suppliers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 471 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Returnable Containers and Marked Articles of Linen Suppliers", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

471. Any and all persons, partnerships or bodies corporate owning returnable containers, or dealing in any commodities handled or delivered in returnable containers, which said containers bear securely affixed or attached thereto, or impressed or imprinted thereon, in any manner whatsoever, a name, mark or device whereby such container can be readily identified, or any person engaged in the business of regularly supplying clean laundered garments, towels, table or bed linens or other such articles with his or its name or other marks or devices woven, impressed or produced thereon, and who periodically exchange such clean articles for soiled articles, may register the same, and thereby procure all of the benefits of such registration, guaranteed under the provision of this subtitle, as to all like containers, or clean laundered or soiled articles similarly marked, whether such containers or such articles were actually in existence or not at the time of registration. Any such owner or dealer desiring to register such returnable container, or such clean laundered articles, shall cause to be prepared a clear statement of the character of such container, or such clean laundered articles, with a comprehensive description of such distinguishing name, mark or device, so affixed, attached, impressed or imprinted thereto or thereon, the same to be subscribed and acknowledged by the said owner or dealer, or by an officer thereof, should such owner or dealer be a body corporate; such subscription and acknowledgement to be made before any officer qualified to take acknowledgements to [deed] deeds in the State of Maryland. After such description shall have been so made, subscribed and acknowledged, it shall be published in two successive issues not in the same week, in some newspaper published in the county where the principal office, place of business or agency of the said owner or dealer is located; or, if the same be located in the City of Baltimore, then by causing such description to be printed twice a week for two successive weeks in some daily paper published therein. Thereupon, the said description, together with the certificate of publication, certified to by the owner or manager of the newspaper in which the same shall have been published, shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the circuit court of the county in which the principal office, place of business or agency of the said owner or dealer is located, or with the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, should such principal office, place of business or agency be located in the said city.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

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