

fined not more than \$250.00 or be imprisoned not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; and for the second, or subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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

Approved April 29, 1966.

CHAPTER 378

(House Bill 495)

AN ACT to add new Sections 306B and 306C to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Health—Narcotic Drugs," to follow immediately after Section 306A thereof; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 101 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Evidence," subtitle "Records of Health and Mental Research;" and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 10 of Article 75C of said Code, title "Prohibited Action," subtitle "Health and Mental Research," to authorize State and local agencies to release certain information to the Maryland Commission to Study Problems of Drug Addiction, to make such information confidential and to make it a crime to divulge this information, and to provide a penalty for such crime.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 306B and 306C be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title and subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Health—Narcotic Drugs," to follow immediately after Section 306A thereof; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 101 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Evidence," subtitle "Records of Health and Mental Research," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 10 of Article 75C of said Code, title "Prohibited Action," subtitle "Health and Mental Research," all to read as follows:*

306B.

All employees, agencies, boards, commissions or other bodies of the State or any of its political subdivisions, are authorized to release any records, reports, statements, notes, and other information dealing with the problem of drug addiction to the Maryland Commission to Study Problems of Drug Addiction. This includes the release of names of individuals with drug problems. This authorization will expire on January 1, 1968.

306C.

(a) All records, reports, statements, notes and other information which has been assembled or procured by the Maryland Commission to Study Problems of Drug Addiction for purposes of research and