

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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Any and all persons, partnerships or bodies corporate owning returnable containers, or dealing in any commodities handled or delivered in returnable containers, INCLUDING BASKETS, TRAYS, AND ANY OTHER TYPE OF CONTAINER THAT IS USED BY A BAKERY, DISTRIBUTOR, RETAILER, FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT, OR ITS AGENT TO TRANSPORT, STORE, OR CARRY BAKERY PRODUCTS, 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 provisions 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 acknowledgment to be made before any officer qualified to take acknowledgments to 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.

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