

After THE SECRETARY OF STATE RECORDS a description of such returnable [containers,] CONTAINERS or such clean articles, [shall have been registered, as in § 473 of this article provided,] it is [hereby declared to be] unlawful for any or all other persons, partnerships or bodies corporate to use or fill any such registered returnable containers (whether actually in existence at the time of such registration or not) with any contents of a nature different from that delivered therein; or to sell, buy, rent or otherwise traffic in any clean, laundered, or soiled articles mentioned in this [chapter] SUBTITLE so marked or designated as provided herein; or to wilfully deface, erase, obliterate, cover up, or otherwise remove, conceal or destroy, any such name, mark or device of identification affixed, attached, impressed or imprinted thereto or thereon; or to wilfully break, destroy or otherwise injure any such returnable container, or such clean articles; or to have on sale, offer for sale, buy, sell, use, take, give, receive, handle in the course of business, hire, rent, lend, transport, convey in any vehicle of any kind or character, collect from ash or garbage receptacles, public or private dumps or premises, or to otherwise keep in stock or store, or to otherwise dispose of, deal in, or traffic in any of the said returnable containers, or parts or pieces of the same, or in such clean, laundered, or soiled articles, without an assignment from or the written consent of the one causing the same to be registered; and all such unlawful acts are declared to be misdemeanors, and upon conviction thereof the offender for the first offense shall be punished by an imprisonment of not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$50, and for the second offense and subsequent offenses, by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$250 or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court [before whom such offender is tried; the said fines and all costs incurred to be collected in the same manner as other fines and costs are collected]. In any prosecution under this section the possession by the one so accused of any such clean, laundered, or soiled articles or of any registered returnable container or of any part or parts thereof other than by a garbage man collecting the same in the regular course of his business, and other than the possession of any such container by the one who received the same with its contents, or possession of any registered clean, laundered, or soiled articles, shall be prima facie evidence that such person is guilty of the offenses so charged.

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It shall be the duty of those receiving any such returnable containers in which milk or cream or any dairy products comes into immediate contact, to thoroughly cleanse the inside of such containers immediately upon emptying the contents; and it is further declared to be the duty of every one receiving any registered returnable container or any registered clean laundered or soiled articles, within the scope of this subtitle, to promptly surrender such containers, or such articles, upon demand to the owners or dealers from whom the same were received; and a violation of any of the provisions hereof is declared to be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of one dollar.

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If any owner or dealer so registering any returnable container or any clean laundered article, or his or its officer, agent or employee, or the assignee of any such or his, or its officer, agent or employee, shall make an affidavit before any District Court judge, averring that he has reason to believe and does believe that the provisions of § 474 hereof have been violated, and that evidence of such violation may be obtained by a