

CHAPTER 142.

AN ACT to add a new section to the Code of Public General Laws, article twenty-seven, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following section be, and is hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws, article twenty-seven, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses," to come in after section eighty-four, and to be known as section eighty-four A. New section

84 A. Any person who shall by any false and fraudulent representation in writing signed by him as to his own or his partner's pecuniary responsibility, wealth or mercantile correspondence or connections, obtain any loan of money or of property from any person, persons, co-partnership or corporation, and shall thereby defraud such person, persons, co-partnership or corporation, or who shall cause or procure another to make any false and fraudulent representation in writing, signed by the person making the same, as to the pecuniary responsibility, wealth or mercantile correspondence, or connections of the person who shall cause or procure such false representation to be made, or of any other person, and shall thereby obtain any loan of money or of property from any person, persons, co-partnership or corporation, and shall thereby defraud such person, persons, co-partnership or corporation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to return the money or property so fraudulently obtained, and shall be fined not exceeding two thousand dollars, or shall be confined in the jail of the county or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, not exceeding one year, or shall be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid, in the discretion of the court. False pretences.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 16th, 1892.