

CHAPTER 387.

AN ACT to add five new sections to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to be under sub-title "Fraud—Watches", said new sections to be known as Sections 234A, 234B, 234C, 234D and 234E, to follow immediately after Section 234 of said Article, defining second-hand watches, regulating the sale and advertising for sale of second-hand watches and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That five new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to be under sub-title "Fraud—Watches", said new sections to be known as Sections 234A, 234B, 234C, 234D and 234E, to follow immediately after Section 234 of said Article, and to read as follows:

234A. DEFINITIONS. As used in this sub-title:

A. "Person" shall be deemed to mean a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

B. "Consumer" shall be deemed to mean an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation who buys for his, her or its own use, or for the use of another but not for resale.

C. A "second-hand" watch shall be deemed to mean: (1) A watch which, as a whole, or the case thereof, or the movement thereof has been sold to a consumer; provided, however, that a watch which has been so sold and is thereafter returned, either through an exchange or for credit, to the same person who sold such watch to the consumer, shall not be deemed to be a second-hand watch for the purpose of this Act if such person keeps a written or printed record setting forth the name and address of the consumer, the date of the sale to the consumer, the name of the watch or its maker, and the serial numbers (if any) or if none, any other distinguishing numbers or identification marks on the case and on the movement of the watch, the aforesaid record to be kept for at least three years from the date of the sale of the watch and to be open for inspection during all business hours by the State's Attorney, or his representative, of the county or Baltimore City in which such person is engaged in business; or

(2) Any watch whose case or movement serial numbers or other distinguishing numbers or identification marks have been erased, defaced, removed, altered or covered.

234B. Any person, or any agent or employee thereof, who sells a second-hand watch, shall affix and keep affixed to the same a tag with the words "second-hand" legibly written or