

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses," be and the same is hereby amended by the addition of a new section, to follow immediately after Section 115, and to be known and designated as Section 115 A, and to read as follows :

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New section added.

Section 115 A. Whenever any loan of money shall be obtained or property purchased by aid of such statement in writing referred to in the preceding section, and in said statement the party be charged shall state that he conducts a specific kind of business, and keeps books of account of said business, then, if at the expiration of any term of credit obtained by him in so purchasing said property, he shall fail to pay for the same within sixty days thereafter, he shall at all times during the period of ninety days subsequent to such failure to pay, upon the request of the persons from whom said property was purchased, or their agents duly accredited in writing, produce upon notice of five days his said books of account, and each and every one of them mentioned or described in said statement, and permit the persons from whom the said property was purchased, or their agents duly accredited in writing, to fully examine such books of account, and each and every one of them mentioned or described in said statement, and to make copies of any part thereof; upon such request being made, failure to produce said books of account, and each and every one of them mentioned or described in said statement, shall be presumptive evidence that each and every pretense relating to the purchaser's means or ability to pay in said statement contained were false at the time of making said statement, and were known to the purchaser to be false.

Book of accounts to be produced.

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

Approved April 3, 1906.

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CHAPTER 379.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Harford County to levy annually a sum of money for the support of Edward W. Johnson of said County.