

## CHAPTER 378.

AN ACT to repeal section 123 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Bagby Edition) entitled "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses," as re-enacted by Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1920.

(Vetoed.)

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## CHAPTER 379.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Safe Deposit Companies," said new section to be known as Section 356A and to follow immediately after Section 356 of said Article authorizing Safe Deposit Companies and other Corporations or persons engaged in like business within this State, to limit by contract their liability in certain respects.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Safe Deposit Companies," said new section to be known as Section 356 A, to follow immediately after Section 356 of said Article and to read as follows:

356 A. Any Safe Deposit Company engaged in the business of renting out locked boxes or safes for storage or safe-keeping of securities and valuables in a vault in its building, or under its control, within this State, or other corporation or individual engaged in such business, may in any lease or contract governing or regulating the use of any such box or safe to or by any customer or customers, limit its liability as such lessor or bailee in all or any of the following respects:

Limit its total liability for any loss by negligence to such maximum amount as may be so stipulated, not less however than five hundred times the annual rental of such box or safe.

2. Stipulate that it shall in no event be liable for loss of money, jewelry or such other articles as may be so excepted against in such lease or contract.

3. Stipulate that evidence tending to prove that securities, money, valuables or other articles were left in any such box or safe upon the last entry by such customer or his authorized agent, and that the same or any part thereof were found miss-