

165. Any person who shall by any false pretense obtain from any other person any chattel, money or valuable security, with intent to defraud any person of the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be punished by fine and imprisonment, or by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than ten years, as the court shall award; provided always, that if upon the trial of any person indicted for such misdemeanor it shall be proved that he obtained the property in question in any such manner as to amount in law to larceny or robbery, he shall not by reason thereof be entitled to be acquitted of such misdemeanor; and no person tried upon such misdemeanor shall be afterwards liable to be prosecuted for larceny or robbery upon the same facts; and provided also, that a mere promise for future payment, though not intended to be performed, shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section. *In Wicomico County where the amount of money or the value of the thing received does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), the People's Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court to try persons charged with violating Sections 165, 167 and 169 of this Article, provided that persons so convicted in the People's Court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by that Court.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved March 31, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 198

(House Bill 53)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 593A of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Commissioner," said section having been

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.