

Checks, etc.," to give the trial magistrates of Worcester County concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of the county to try some cases involving violations of the false pretenses and bad check laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 140 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

140.

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 charged with 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 [and in], St. Mary's County, and in Worcester 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 and the trial magistrates, respectively, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court to try persons charged with violating this section and Sections 142 and 144 of this article, provided that persons so convicted in the people's court or trial magistrate's court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by that court. In Baltimore City where the amount of money or the value of the thing received does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the Municipal Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction to try persons charged with violating this section, provided that persons so convicted in the Municipal 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, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 839

(House Bill 926)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 83-57 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition) and Section 73-44 of the Montgomery County Code (1960