

it is hereby added to Article 64A of the said Code (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, and to read as follows:

8A.

*On and after July 1, 1965, the Assistant Secretary of State shall be included in the classified service of the State. The present Assistant Secretary of State shall hold his position without examination.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 235  
(House Bill 327)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 140 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," including Caroline County in the special provision giving the People's Courts of certain counties concurrent jurisdiction of cases where the amount involved is \$300.00 or less in this section concerning the obtaining by any false pretense of certain chattels, monies or valuable securities. CHECKS, ETC.," TO GIVE THE TRIAL MAGISTRATES OF CAROLINE COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S 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1964 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*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