

power to administer oaths to witnesses appearing before the Hearing Examiner OR BOARD; such oath to have all the qualities of an oath taken before any judicial tribunal or officer and violations thereof to be punishable as other perjuries are punishable.

(4) The Hearing Examiner OR BOARD shall render a written recommendation at such time and in such manner and form as may be required by the district council. Any application on which a public hearing has been held either by the district council or a Hearing Examiner OR BOARD may be assigned or reassigned to an examiner, which examiner must read and examine the evidence of record, or, in the discretion of the district council, conduct a new hearing before rendering a recommendation, as provided hereinabove.

(5) An application, as provided hereunder, may be decided solely on the basis of the Hearing Examiner's OR BOARD'S recommendation; provided, however, that within ten (10) days after transmittal of the Hearing Examiner's OR BOARD'S written recommendation to the district council, any person or association having appeared and participated, in person or by counsel, at the hearing before the Hearing Examiner OR BOARD, may request the right to present oral argument before the district council prior to its rendering a decision. The district council may, in its discretion, grant or deny such request.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 248

(House Bill 434)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 142 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "1. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," changing the monetary limit dividing the two degrees of the offense of obtaining money or other things of value by bad checks or other instruments or unauthorized credit cards or authorizations, increasing the penalty AND JURISDICTION for the lesser degree of such offense, and specifying the concurrent jurisdiction of trial magistrates and judges of courts of limited jurisdiction over such lesser degree.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 142 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "1. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

142.

Every person who, with intent to cheat and defraud another, shall obtain money, credit, goods, services, release from any debt or