

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 144 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

144.

Every person who shall obtain money, credit, goods, wares or anything of value, of the value of one hundred dollars or more, from another by means of a check, draft or any other negotiable instrument of any kind, with intent at the time of giving such instrument without the consent of such other to stop or countermand the payment of the same or otherwise to cause the drawee thereof to disregard or dishonor or refuse to recognize such instrument, shall be deemed to have obtained such money, credit, goods, wares, or other thing of value with intent to cheat and defraud another and upon conviction, shall be fined or imprisoned or both, as provided in Section 140 of this article, at the discretion of the court. Where the value of such money, credit, goods, wares or anything of value is less than one hundred dollars, such person, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than eighteen months in the house of correction or jail, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court, and the trial magistrates of the counties shall have concurrent jurisdiction over such offense with the circuit court of the counties. And upon the trial of any person accused of violation of this section, the fact that such person without the consent of such other to stop or countermand the countermanded payment of such instrument, or otherwise caused the drawee to disregard or dishonor the same without returning or tendering the return of the thing so obtained shall be presumptive evidence of such intent to cheat and defraud. *In Baltimore City, where the amount of money or the value of the thing received does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), 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, 1967.*

Approved March 24, 1967.

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CHAPTER 56  
(House Bill 313)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 142 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," amending the law relating to false pretenses to give