

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 353A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume) title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Larceny After Trust" to follow immediately after Section 353 thereof and to read as follows:

353A.

*Any person who receives physical possession of goods or things of value under a written contract or written lease for the purpose of leasing or renting the use of the same for a valuable consideration and who fraudulently converts the same to his own use shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall restore the goods or things so converted or pay the full value to the owner thereof or to the person who delivered the goods and things, and upon conviction be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than sixty days or both fined and imprisoned. The failure to return to the possession of, or to account for said goods or things with, the person who delivered the goods and things at the time or in the manner described in said written contract or written lease shall be prima facie evidence of intent to fraudulently convert; provided that if such person is a bona fide resident of the State of Maryland and returns to the possession of, or accounts for said goods or things with, the person who delivered the same prior to the expiration of ten days after a written demand for the return of said goods or things has been mailed by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the person who was so entrusted at his address which is last known to the person who delivered the said goods and things, such person who was so entrusted shall not be prosecuted under this section; and no prosecution either by presentment, indictment, or otherwise shall be instituted or commenced until after the expiration of said period of ten days. IN BALTIMORE CITY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ALLEGED OFFENSES UNDER THIS SECTION.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 85

(House Bill 416)

AN ACT to add new Sections 759 through 762 to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 758 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Scenic Rivers," to establish a scenic river program for the State of Maryland and create a Scenic River Review Board, specifying what type areas are eligible for the program, giving the Scenic River Review Board certain powers and duties, and generally providing for