

ment Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitles "Crimes and Punishments" and "Places of Reformation and Punishments," subheadings "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," "Gaming," "Health-Controlled Dangerous Substances" and "Division of Correction," correcting certain errors in the laws relating to crimes and punishments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 140, 257 (a), 277 (j), 281 (a), 281 (h), 282 (c), 287 (d), and 700A (b-1) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitles "Crimes and Punishments" and "Places of Reformation and Punishments," subheadings "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.," "Gaming," "Health-Controlled Dangerous Substances" and "Division of Correction" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 for larceny or robbery upon the same facts; and provided also, that a mere promise [to be prosecuted] for future payment, though not intended to be performed, shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section. In ~~Wicomico County, St. Mary's County, Worcester County, Caroline County, Prince George's County, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel 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 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.

257.

(a) *Operation of carnivals, etc., by certain organizations not prohibited; prizes; "raffle" defined; permits.*—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to make it unlawful for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans' hospital, amateur athletic organization in which all playing members are less than eighteen years of