

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 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OPTION TO PURCHASE (OTHER THAN FOR A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION) SAID GOODS OR THINGS OF VALUE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SAID OPTION IF THE LEASE CONTAINING THE OPTION SHALL NOT BE FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 730

(Senate Bill 991)

AN ACT to add new Section 11 to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title, "Conflicts of Interest," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof; providing that any person making a campaign contribution to a public officer whose business with the State is in excess of a certain sum shall file an annual statement disclosing these contributions; and providing a penalty for violation of these provisions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 11 be and it is hereby added to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement) to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof and to read as follows:

11.

(A) ANY PERSON MAKING ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO A PUBLIC OFFICER AND WHOSE BUSINESS WITH THE STATE IS IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS PER YEAR ON EITHER AN INDIVIDUAL OR CUMULATIVE BASIS, NOT INCLUDING SALARIES PAID BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL FILE AN