

for ejection, prohibiting the obtaining of service, food or accommodation at certain places in Charles County willfully and with intent to fraud, providing that certain acts are presumptive evidence of intent to defraud and providing penalties [for violation of the section]] thereof.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 162A be added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Fraud--Boardinghouse, Hotel, etc.," to follow immediately after Section 162 thereof and to read as follows:

162A.

(A) IN CHARLES COUNTY, EVERY RECIPIENT OF SERVICE, FOOD OR ACCOMMODATION FROM A HOTEL, MOTEL, INN OR LODGING HOUSE IS LIABLE TO PAY FOR IT WITHIN 72 HOURS OF PRESENTATION OF THE BILL. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS LIABILITY SHALL BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION. NON-PAYMENT WITHIN THE PERIOD PRESCRIBED [IS DEEMED FRAUDULENT AND] IS A CAUSE FOR EJECTION.

(B) ANY PERSON WHO [VIOLATES THIS SECTION] WILLFULLY OBTAINS ANY SERVICE, FOOD OR ACCOMMODATION FROM A HOTEL, MOTEL, INN OR LODGING HOUSE IN CHARLES COUNTY WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD THE OWNER OR PROPRIETOR THEREOF IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE MONTH AND NOT MORE THAN THREE MONTHS, OR BOTH. PROOF THAT ANY PERSON, AFTER RECEIPT OF THE AFORESAID NOTICE, ABSCONDED OR DEPARTED THE PREMISES WITHOUT TENDERING THE PROPER PAYMENT, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OR PROPRIETOR OF THE PREMISES, OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, AND PROOF THAT ANY PERSON, AFTER RECEIPT OF THE AFORESAID NOTICE AND PRESENTATION OF A PROPER BILL, FAILED TO TENDER PAYMENT FOR THE SAME WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, WITHIN THE AFORESAID PRESCRIBED PERIOD, SHALL BE PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE OF INTENT TO DEFRAUD.

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

Approved April 26, 1973.

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CHAPTER 157

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT to repeal Section 145B of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "District Courts," to eliminate an obsolete provision.