

CHAPTER 294

(Senate Bill 444)

AN ACT concerning

Stealing

FOR the purpose of changing the penalty for stealing certain goods; generally relating to stealing, taking away or carrying away the personal property of another worth less than a certain amount; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 341(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement}

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 341(a) of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

341.

(a) If any person [shall steal, take or carry] STEALS, TAKES, OR CARRIES away personal goods of another under the value of \$100, [and being thereof convicted he shall be deemed] THAT PERSON IS guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall restore the STOLEN goods and chattels [so stolen] or pay [the] THEIR full value [thereof] to the owner, and be fined not more than [\$100] \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 18 months, or both fined and imprisoned. [; provided that all] ALL actions or prosecutions under this section shall be commenced within two years after the commission of the offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any event or happening occurring prior to the effective date of this Act.