

shall take effect June 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.

CHAPTER 849

(Senate Bill 1153)

AN ACT concerning

Theft-Related Offenses - Consolidation and Revision

FOR the purpose of repealing certain theft-related offenses; repealing penalties provided for certain theft-related offenses; revising, repealing, and enacting provisions pertaining to certain offenses of fraud, receiving stolen goods, criminal possession of goods, and penalties therefore; consolidating certain theft-related offenses into a single newly created offense to be known as "theft", and prescribing certain acts pertaining to theft of property, labor, and services to be criminal acts; providing certain defenses and presumptions; revising the law relating to bad checks; specifying certain penalties; providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons who commit certain acts under certain circumstances; removing references to theft-related offenses repealed by this Act; recodifying and renumbering certain sections of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing a certain effective date for this Act; and also providing for the prospective effect of this Act; and generally revising the law pertaining to certain types of stealing.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 340 through 344, inclusive, to be under the new subheading "Theft"; and 140 through 144, inclusive, to be under the new subheading "Bad Checks"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,