

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1977 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 142A
to be Section 145 to be under the new subheading
"Credit Card Offenses"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section (s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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340. DEFINITIONS.

IN THIS SUBHEADING, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(A) "COIN MACHINE" MEANS A COIN BOX, TURNSTILE, VENDING MACHINE, OR OTHER MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR RECEPTACLE DESIGNED TO RECEIVE A COIN, OR BILL, OR A TOKEN MADE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE MACHINE, AND IN RETURN FOR THE INSERTION OR DEPOSIT THEREOF, AUTOMATICALLY TO OFFER, TO PROVIDE, TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING, OR TO PERMIT THE ACQUISITION OF SOME PECUNIARY OR SERVICE.

(B) (1) "DECEPTION" MEANS KNOWINGLY TO:

(I) CREATE OR CONFIRM IN ANOTHER AN IMPRESSION WHICH IS FALSE AND WHICH THE OFFENDER DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE; OR

(II) FAIL TO CORRECT A FALSE IMPRESSION WHICH THE OFFENDER PREVIOUSLY HAS CREATED OR CONFIRMED; OR

(III) PREVENT ANOTHER FROM ACQUIRING INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED; OR

(IV) SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OR ENCUMBER PROPERTY, FAILING TO DISCLOSE A LIEN, ADVERSE CLAIM, OR OTHER LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PROPERTY, WHETHER THE IMPEDIMENT IS OR IS NOT OF VALUE OR IS NOT A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECORD; OR

(V) INSERT OR DEPOSIT A SLUG IN A COIN MACHINE;

(VI) REMOVE, ALTER, OR OTHERWISE DISFIGURE