

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section, ~~-(1)-~~ a lender may charge interest at an effective rate of simple interest not in excess of ~~-(8)-~~ 18 percent per annum on the unpaid principal balance of a loan if there is a written agreement signed by the borrower which sets forth the stated rate of interest charged by the lender.

~~-(2)~~ If a loan made under paragraph (1) of this subsection is secured by the pledge of collateral which is a certificate of deposit held by the borrower, the lender may charge interest at a rate equal to at least 2 percent in excess of the rate of interest payable on the certificate of deposit. However, in no event may this rate of interest exceed ~~40~~ 12 percent.

(3) If a loan made under paragraph (1) of this subsection is secured by the pledge of collateral which is other than a savings account or if such loan is unsecured, the lender may charge a rate of interest not in excess of ~~40~~ 12 percent. ~~-~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

CHAPTER 450

{Senate Bill 418}

AN ACT concerning

~~Mortgages and~~ Deeds of Trust - Releases

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing the release of certain mortgages or deeds of trust upon the furnishing of a promissory note marked paid or satisfied, providing that a promissory note constitutes an executed release under certain conditions.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property
Section 7-106(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1974 Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: