

FOR the purpose of providing that the making of false entries in a book of account or ledger with the intention to defraud, is forgery and that the uttering or publishing of such false entries, with the intention to defraud, is fraud; and providing for certain penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 44
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

44.

(A) Any person who shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, altering or counterfeiting any deed, document or affidavit of waiver or release of mechanics' lien, will, testament or codicil, power of attorney, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or any acquisition or receipt either for money or for property, OR ANY ENTRIES IN A BOOK OF ACCOUNT OR LEDGER, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever, [or] SHALL BE DEEMED A FELON, AND UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OR FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR BOTH.

(B) ANY PERSON WHO shall utter or publish as true any false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, will, testament or codicil, power of attorney, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, or endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or shall utter or publish as true, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever any false document of waiver or release of mechanics' lien, OR ANY ENTRIES IN A BOOK OF ACCOUNT OR LEDGER, shall be deemed a felon and on being convicted thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than ten years or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.
