

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

343.

(a) (1) It is not a defense to the offense of theft that the defendant has an interest in the property which was the subject of the theft if another person also has an interest or right of possession in the property that the defendant is not entitled to infringe.

(2) The following delineate the right of possession:

(i) A joint or common owner of property does not have a right of possession of the property superior to that of any other joint or common owner of the property.

(ii) In the absence of [a specific] AN agreement to the contrary, a person in lawful possession of property has a right of possession superior to that of a person having only a security interest in the property, even if legal title to the property lies with the holder of the security interest pursuant to a conditional sale contract or other security agreement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

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## CHAPTER 349

(Senate Bill 941)

AN ACT concerning

## Elections - Statements of Contributors

FOR the purpose of making certain changes in the period during which certain contributions to candidates must be reported; specifying the contents of the statements; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 30-2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)