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

Approved April 8, 1980.

## CHAPTER 119

(Senate Bill 377)

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations - <u>Takeover Offers</u> - Employee Stock Ownership Plans

FOR the purpose of allowing an-alternative-plan-fer-the purchase-ef-sertain-steck-through-an-Employee-Steck Ownership-Plan;-requiring-the-efferer-te-provide-a sufficient-number-ef-statements-ef-intention-te-take ever-te-employees the Securities Commissioner to require notice as to employee stock ownership plan alternatives to a corporate takeover and to take other action on takeovers to be consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations Section 11-902 Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Corporations and Associations

11-902.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to make a take-over offer involving a target company, or to acquire or solicit the acquisition of any equity securities of a target company pursuant to the offer, unless at least 20 days prior to the dates on which the offer is made and copies of the offer are first published or sent or given to security holders, the offeror has filed with the Commissioner, together with the consent to service of process specified in § 11-802 (a) of this title and a filing fee of \$100, and sent by certified mail or personally delivered to the target company at its principal office a written statement which contains the information prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.