THE ACCEPTOR A DISCHARGED CHECK, RATHER THAN A FACSIMILE THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING THE FULL OR PARTIAL PAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATION FOR WHICH THE CHECK WAS ISSUED, THE ACCEPTOR SHALL RETURN THE DISCHARGED CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE BUYER OR BORROWER WHEN PAYMENT OR NONPAYMENT HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

- (2) AN ACCEPTOR MAY NOT RETURN THE DISCHARGED CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ON WHICH THE DISCHARGED CHECK WAS DRAWN IF THE CHECK WAS SUBMITTED TO THE ACCEPTOR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION (B).
- (C) THE FAILURE OF AN ACCEPTOR TO RETURN A DISCHARGED CHECK DIRECTLY TO A BUYER OR BORROWER AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL MAKE THE ACCEPTOR LIABLE TO THE BUYER OR BORROWER FOR:
  - (1) THE AMOUNT OF THE CHECK; AND
- (2) ANY CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE BUYER'S OR BORROWER'S ACCOUNT BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ON WHICH THE CHECK WAS DRAWN IF THOSE CHARGES ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACCEPTOR'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

## CHAPTER 768

(House Bill 923)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Employment - Background Investigations
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FOR the purpose of authorizing eertain-employers-in the County

Administrator of Howard County to request criminal history
record information investigations of certain employees;
requiring payment of certain fees for background
investigations; defining-a-term; and generally relating to
employee background investigations in Howard County.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 754A Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)