

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000, IN ADDITION TO ANY CIVIL PENALTIES.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT BE IMPRISONED FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OR OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ENTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE OR TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14-1916.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND CREDIT SERVICES BUSINESSES ACT".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved May 14, 1987.

CHAPTER 470

(House Bill 497)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - St. Mary's County
Correctional Facility

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the purpose of the design, construction, and equipping of the St. Mary's County Correctional Facility, subject to the requirement that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County provide at least an equal and matching fund of a certain kind for the same purpose by a certain