

"NOTICE OF DISHONORED CHECK

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Issuer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and State \_\_\_\_\_

You are according to law hereby notified that a check or instrument numbered \_\_\_\_\_ and dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_, drawn on the \_\_\_\_\_ bank of \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ has been returned unpaid with the notation the payment has been refused because of \_\_\_\_\_. Within [10] 30 days from the mailing of this notice, you must pay or tender to

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (holder)

sufficient money to pay such check or instrument in full and a collection fee of \$25. If payment of the above amounts is not made within [10] 30 days of the mailing of this notice of dishonor, you may be LIABLE UNDER §--5-512 § 3-512 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT OF THE CHECK OR INSTRUMENT AND A COLLECTION FEE OF \$25, FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO 2 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE CHECK OR INSTRUMENT, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$1,000. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY BE prosecuted under the Maryland Criminal Code (Article 27, §§ 140 through 144) and subject to the following penalties:

(A) if the property or services has a value of \$300 or more, a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 15 years, or both;

(B) if the property or services has a value of less than \$300, a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding 18 months, or both. IT SHALL BE A DEFENSE TO ANY ACTION BROUGHT BY THE HOLDER UNDER § 3-512 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE THAT:

(1) THE DISHONOR OF THE CHECK OR INSTRUMENT WAS DUE TO A JUSTIFIABLE STOP PAYMENT ORDER OR TO THE ATTACHMENT OF THE ACCOUNT; OR

(2) WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE MAILING OF "THE NOTICE OF DISHONORED CHECK", THE MAKER OR DRAWER HAS PAID THE HOLDER THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CHECK OR INSTRUMENT AND COLLECTION COSTS OF NOT MORE THAN \$25."

(2) The holder to whom a check or other instrument is issued [shall] MAY post a clearly conspicuous notice at or near the point of receipt stating the liability of the maker or drawer for the collection fee AND DAMAGES provided in § 3-512 of this