CHAPTER 396

(House Bill 353)

AN ACT concerning

Bad Checks - Uttering---Employers

FOR the purpose of expanding the criminal prohibition against obtaining services by a bad check to include uttering by an employer a person of a check for certain services by an employee or independent contractor under certain circumstances; providing certain presumptions, penalties, and limits on prosecution; and generally relating to a criminal prohibition against uttering by an-employer a person of a check for certain services by an employee or independent contractor under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 140, 142, 143, and 144 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 141 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

140.

In this subheading, the following words have the meanings indicated:

- (a) "Check" means any check, draft, or other negotiable instrument of any kind which is not postdated with respect to the time of utterance.
- (b) "Drawer" of a check means a person whose name appears thereon as the primary obligor, whether the actual signature be that of himself or of a person purportedly authorized to draw the check in his behalf.