

CHAPTER 476

(House Bill 921)

AN ACT concerning

Bad Checks - Fines and Costs

FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor, subject to certain penalties, to give a certain instrument in payment of fines or costs imposed in any court—if the instrument is not honored on presentment; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38 - Fines and Forfeitures  
Section 4B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1986 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 38 - Fines and Forfeitures

4B.

Every person who [shall pay or attempt to pay], IN PAYMENT OF any fine or costs imposed in [the District Court by means of] any COURT, GIVES A check, draft, or other negotiable instrument of any kind [drawn], whether drawn by such person or by any other person, firm, or corporation, upon any bank, person, firm, or corporation, where such person knows that the bank, person, firm, or corporation is not indebted to the drawer[,] or [where such person knows] that the drawer [or drawers thereof have] HAS not provided for the payment or acceptance [thereof] OF THE INSTRUMENT, and WHERE the [same be] INSTRUMENT IS not paid upon presentation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than [one hundred dollars (\$100.00)] \$100, or imprisoned for not more than [sixty (60)] 60 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.