

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 403

AN ACT concerning

Bad Checks

FOR the purpose of expanding the crime of obtaining property or services by a bad check; ~~establishing additional circumstances by establishing an additional circumstance~~ under which a person is guilty of committing the offense; ~~allowing the State to prove loss to a corporation from a bad check in a certain way; establishing a certain presumption; allowing loss to certain entities from a bad check to be proven in a certain way in certain actions;~~ establishing certain penalties for obtaining property or services by a bad check in a certain way; altering certain penalties for obtaining property or services by a bad check in a certain way *altering certain penalties for obtaining property or services by more than one bad check, each of which is issued for less than a certain amount, issued to the same person within a certain time period;* allowing a court to require a defendant to pay a certain fee to certain persons upon conviction of obtaining property or services by a bad check; ~~establishing a method and certain procedural requirements for proving that a defendant uttered or passed a bad check; clarifying the applicability of certain language; granting certain powers to certain persons appointed as special policemen; authorizing a certain method of proving dishonor of a check by a drawer, that the drawer had no account with the drawee at the time of utterance, and insufficiency of the drawer's funds at the time of presentation; authorizing certain commissioners to accept certain applications requesting a statement of charges under certain circumstances and authorizing certain commissioners to request certain additional documentation from certain persons; altering a certain definition; making stylistic changes;~~ and generally relating to bad checks.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 140(d), 141, ~~142(e)~~, 1, and 143
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments~~
~~Section 144A~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~
~~Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments~~