

Section 342Annotated Code of Maryland(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section ~~349~~ 342A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY renumbering

~~Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments~~~~Section 344(c) and (d), respectively~~~~to be Section 344(b) and (e), respectively~~~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)~~

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments342.(a) A person commits the offense of theft when he willfully or knowingly obtains control which is unauthorized or exerts control which is unauthorized over property of the owner, and:(1) Has the purpose of depriving the owner of the property; or(2) Willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in such manner as to deprive the owner of the property; or(3) Uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing the use, concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.(b) A person commits the offense of theft when he willfully or knowingly uses deception to obtain and does obtain control over property of the owner, and:(1) Has the purpose of depriving the owner of the property; or(2) Willfully or knowingly uses, conceals, or abandons the property in such manner as to deprive the owner of the property; or(3) Uses, conceals, or abandons the property knowing such use, concealment, or abandonment probably will deprive the owner of the property.(c) (1) A person commits the offense of theft if he possesses stolen personal property knowing that it has been stolen, or believing that it has probably been stolen, and: