(3)   A person may not intentionally, willfully, and without authorization:

(i)   Possess, identify, or attempt to identify any valid access codes; or

(ii)   Distribute or publicize any valid access codes to any unauthorized person.

(d)   (1)   Any person who violates any provision of subsection (c)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or both.

(2)   (I)   Any person who violates any provision of subsection (c)(2) or (c)(3) of this section WHERE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE LOSS IS LESS THAN $5,000 $10,000 is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding $5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both.

(II)   ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (C)(2) OR (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION WHERE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE LOSS IS $5,000 $10,000 OR GREATER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 15 10 YEARS OR BOTH.

(e)   (1)   When illegal access to a computer, computer network, computer control language, computer system, computer services, computer software, computer data base, or any part of these systems or services is committed in violation of this section pursuant to 1 scheme or continuing course of conduct, the conduct may be considered as 1 offense.

(2)   A court of competent jurisdiction in this State may try a person who allegedly violates any provision of subsection (c) of this section in any county in this State where:

(i)   The person performs the act; or

(ii)   The accessed computer is located.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 8

(Senate Bill 3)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – The Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act

FOR the purpose of adopting the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act;