

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 22, 2003.

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**CHAPTER 67**

**(Senate Bill 135)**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law - Identity Fraud - Penalties**

FOR the purpose of increasing certain maximum fines under certain circumstances for a person knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possessing, obtaining, or helping another person to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual without consent in order to use, sell, or transfer the information to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value with a value of at least a certain amount in the name of the individual; increasing certain maximum fines under certain circumstances for a person knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of another to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime or to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value, or to avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation under certain circumstances; and generally relating to penalties for the possession or use of certain personal identifying information and for assuming the identity of another under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 8-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume)

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

**Article - Criminal Law**

8-301.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Payment device number" has the meaning stated in § 8-213 of this title.

(3) "Personal identifying information" means a name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, Social Security number, place of employment,