

**CHAPTER 682**

**(House Bill 298)**

AN ACT concerning

**Commercial Law - Checks and Other Instruments - Rights of Holders**

FOR the purpose of reenacting certain provisions of law inadvertently repealed by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996; clarifying and confirming the intent of the General Assembly that certain holders of certain dishonored checks and other instruments may recover certain amounts from a maker or a drawer under certain circumstances; providing for the effective date of this Act; making this Act retroactive; and generally relating to dishonored checks and other instruments.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 15-801 through 15-804 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Dishonored Checks and Other Instruments - Collection"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article - Commercial Law**

**SUBTITLE 8. DISHONORED CHECKS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS - COLLECTION.**

15-801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHECK" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-104(F) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) "DISHONOR" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-502 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) "DRAWER" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-103(A)(3) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) "HOLDER" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 1-201(20) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(F) "HOLDER IN DUE COURSE" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-302 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(G) "INSTRUMENT" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-104(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(H) "ISSUE" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(I) "MAKER" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 3-103(A)(5) OF THIS ARTICLE.