

and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City in Liber S. C. L. No. 2938, folio 341; and the other dated November 13th, 1915, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City in Liber S. C. L. No. 3011, folio 553.

Approved April 11th, 1916.

CHAPTER 370.

AN ACT to add a new and additional Section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Bagby's Code), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new and additional Section be added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Bagby's Code), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "False Pretenses," to follow Section 126 and to be known as Section 126a.

126a. That any person, who shall knowingly make or cause to be made, either directly or indirectly, or through any agency whatsoever, any false statement in writing, with intent that it shall be relied upon, respecting the financial condition, or means or ability to pay, of himself, or any other person, firm or corporation, in whom he is interested, or for whom he is acting, for the purpose of procuring in any form whatsoever, either the delivery of personal property, the payment of cash, the making of a loan or credit, the extension of a credit, the discount of an account receivable, or the making, acceptance, discount, sale or endorsement of a bill of exchange, or promissory note, for the benefit of either himself or of such person, firm or corporation; or

Who, knowing that a false statement in writing has been made, respecting the financial condition or means or ability to pay, of himself, or such person, firm or corporation in which he is interested, or for whom he is acting, procures, upon the faith thereof, for the benefit either of himself, or of such person, firm or corporation, either or any of the things of benefit mentioned in the first subdivision of this section; or

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