

at any hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium shall abscond or fraudulently depart or fraudulently remove his baggage therefrom without discharging the debts as aforesaid incurred, whether or not such person shall have made any payment on account, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term of not less than one month nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. And in determination of any question arising under this section the fact that any such persons so obtaining food, accommodation or credit, upon request or demand for payment of any amount then due therefor failed or neglected to comply in full with such demand shall be treated as presumptive evidence that such failure or neglect to make such payment was fraudulent even though payment of a portion of the amount then due shall have been made or a payment on account for the food, accommodation or credit so obtained had theretofore been made, and similarly the fact that the departure of any such person or removal of his baggage without first paying or discharging in full his debt as aforesaid, even though a payment on account of such debt may have been made, was without the knowledge or consent of the proprietor or manager of such hotel, inn, boarding house, hospital or sanitarium, or the representative or agent of such proprietor or manager, shall be treated as presumptive evidence that such departure or removal was fraudulent. Nothing in this Section shall apply to or affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to June 1, 1939, or the punishment provided for such offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 3, 1939.

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CHAPTER 126.

(Senate Bill 90)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 141 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "False Pretenses," relating to worthless checks.