

MEN," to provide that assault on firemen shall be a felony, to provide that interference with or obstruction of a fireman acting in his official capacity WHILE THE FIREMAN IS FIGHTING A FIRE OR PROCEEDING TO A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY shall be a felony MISDEMEANOR, and to provide penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 11D be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," to follow immediately after Section 11C thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Assault on Firemen; Interfering with or Obstructing Official Duties," and to read as follows:

~~Assault on Firemen; Interfering with or Obstructing Official Duties~~  
FIREMEN.

11D.

~~(a)~~ It is unlawful for any person to beat, strike, or otherwise assault a fireman while the fireman is acting in his official capacity.

~~(b)~~ (A) It is unlawful for any person willfully to interfere with or obstruct a fireman, while the fireman is acting in his official capacity FIGHTING A FIRE OR PROCEEDING TO A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

~~(c)~~ (B) Violation of this section is a felony MISDEMEANOR punishable by imprisonment for not less than three ~~(2)~~ years or more than ~~ten (10)~~ THREE (3) years.

(C) JURISDICTION TO TRY PERSONS CHARGED WITH THIS OFFENSE IS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BUT IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND CRIMINAL COURT HAVE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not apply to any such offense committed prior to July 1, 1969.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 252

(House Bill 72)

AN ACT to add new Section 21A B to Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Sales and Notices," subtitle "Consumer Protection," to follow immediately after Section 21 thereof, to require that a written, signed acceptance by the sendee of any credit card or card of identification for credit purposes, by a sender, when sent voluntarily or without solicitation or application by the sendee, be prerequisite to any right or action or recovery of payment for