

~~(10)~~ (8) claim, or attempt or threaten to enforce a right with knowledge ~~or reason to know~~ that the right does not exist;

~~(11)~~ (9) use a communication which simulates legal or judicial process or which gives the appearance of being authorized, issued, or approved by a government, governmental agency, or attorney at law when it is not;

~~(12)~~ threaten court action against the debtor unless like action is taken in regular course or is intended with respect to the particular debt.

~~(b)~~ Proof of a violation of subsection (a) shall constitute a complete defense to any legal action undertaken by any person to enforce the claim that was being collected at the time the violation or violations occurred, and shall be deemed to constitute full satisfaction of a judgment on such claim properly obtained before the occurrence of the violation or violations.

~~(c)~~ In addition to the remedy provided in subsection (b), any (B) ANY person violating subsection (a) shall be liable to any person affected by the violation for all damages proximately caused by the violation, including but not limited to damages for emotional distress or mental anguish suffered with or without accompanying physical injury.

~~(d)~~ (C) A consumer transaction is any transaction involving a person seeking or acquiring real or personal property, services, money or credit for personal, family or household purposes.

~~(D) ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURTS.~~

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.

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CHAPTER 683

(Senate Bill 759)

AN ACT to add new Section 6-601 to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws", subtitle "Subtitle 6. Drivers' Licenses", to follow immediately after Section 6-507 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Part VI. Special Identification Cards", to require the Motor Vehicle Administration, upon the request of any resident of Maryland who does not possess a driver's license, to issue a special identification card to the person requesting it; to provide that this special identification card shall be accepted as valid identification of the person to whom it was issued; to provide for a fee for the issuance of this card and an exception thereto;