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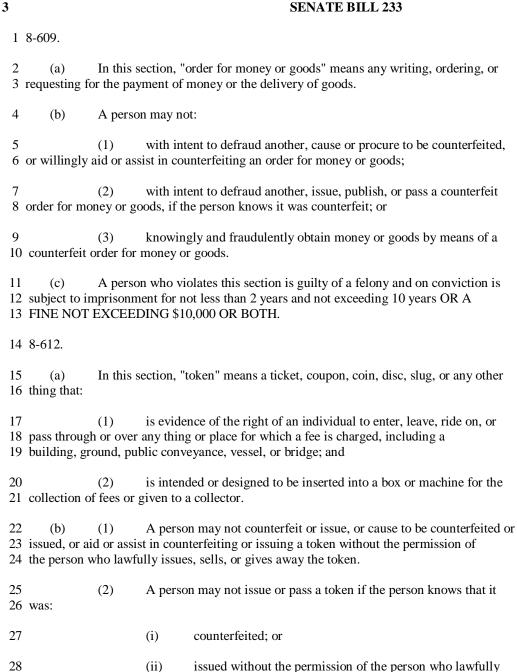
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By: Senators Stone and Hughes (Committee to Revise Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments)
Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2003

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

	A BILL ENTITLED			
1	AN ACT concerning			
2	Criminal Law - Counterfeiting - Fines			
3	FOR the purpose of establishing the maximum fines for certain crimes relating to counterfeiting; and generally relating to counterfeiting.			
5 6 7 8 9	Section 8-605, 8-607 through 8-609, and 8-612 Annotated Code of Maryland			
10 11	0 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
12	Article - Criminal Law			
13	8-605.			
14 15	(a) (1) A person, with intent to defraud another, may not counterfeit, or cause to be counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in counterfeiting:			
16	(i) a commission, patent, or pardon; or			
17 18	(ii) a warrant, certificate, or other public security from which money may be drawn from the treasury of the State.			
	A person, with intent to defraud another, may not print, write, sign, or pass a counterfeit warrant, certificate, or public security if the person knows that it was counterfeited.			
	(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not less than 2 years and not exceeding 10 years OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.			

1	1 8-607.				
2	(a)	In this section, "public seal" means:			
3		(1)	the great seal of the State;		
4		(2)	the seal of any court of the State; or		
5		(3)	any other public seal of the State.		
6	(b)	A person may not:			
7		(1)	counterfeit and use a public seal;		
8		(2)	steal a public seal;		
9 10	deed, warran	(3) unlawfully and falsely, or with evil intent, affix a public seal to a rrant, or writing; or			
11 12	(4) have and willfully conceal a counterfeit public seal, if the person knows that it was counterfeit.				
	(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not less than 2 years and not exceeding 10 years OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.				
16 17	(d) Article.	A perso	n who violates this section is subject to § 5-106(b) of the Courts		
18	8-608.				
19	(a)	A perso	n may not:		
20		(1)	counterfeit the stamp of the Comptroller;		
21		(2)	unlawfully use or steal the stamp of the Comptroller;		
22 23	Comptroller	(3) to any w	unlawfully and falsely, or with evil intent, affix the stamp of the vritten instrument; or		
24 25	the person k	(4) anows that	have and willfully conceal a counterfeit stamp of the Comptroller, if it was counterfeit.		
	(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment for not less than 2 years and not exceeding 10 years OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.				
29 30	(c) Article.	A perso	n who violates this section is subject to § 5-106(b) of the Courts		



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COMMITTEE NOTE (COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLE 27): The specific

34 fines for the crimes in this Act were proposed under the rationale that the appropriate

31 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year OR A FINE NOT

29 issues, sells, or gives away the token.

32 EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

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- 1 maximum fine should be calculated by multiplying by \$1,000 the maximum number 2 of years of imprisonment authorized by statute.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Note
- 4 contained in this Act is not law.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 6 October 1, 2003.