

Proviso.

shall be committed to the jail in said county until the fine and costs are paid, provided said imprisonment shall not continue longer than ten days; provided, nevertheless, that the fine for the violation of any ordinance or by-laws can, upon agreement between the officer and the offender, be paid direct to the officer (with ten cents additional), who shall give a receipt for the same to the offender, for which receipt the clerk of the Town Commissioners shall pay ten cents upon presentation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1904.

CHAPTER 299.

AN ACT to amend Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," by adding three sections under the sub-title "School Attendance," to follow Section 138, and to be numbered as Sections 139, 140 and 141, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections be and they are hereby added to Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," under the sub-title "School Attendance," to follow Section 138, and to be numbered and designated as Sections 139, 140, 141.

Compulsory
education of
deaf children.

139. That every child between eight and sixteen years of age whose hearing is so defective that he or she cannot attend public school shall attend some school for the deaf for eight months or during the scholastic year, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during said period in the studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school for the deaf, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose mental or physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child between eight and sixteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section.