

Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", extending the provisions of said sections to Charles County in relation to the trial of criminal cases before Justices of the Peace and relating to suspension of sentence, the payment of fines in instalments, etc.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 14, 14A and 14B(1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

14. The Justices of the Peace in and for Baltimore City (except Traffic Court Magistrates) and Prince George's and Charles Counties shall have and possess power to suspend sentence or costs or both sentence and costs, generally or for a definite time, in any case within their jurisdiction, provided that such suspension is made at the trial of the case and not after judgment is pronounced; and said Justices of the Peace may make such orders and impose such terms as to costs, recognizance for appearance, or matters relating to the residence or conduct of the convicts as may be deemed proper; and if the convict is a minor, said Justices of the Peace may also make such orders as to his detention in any care or custody as may be deemed proper.

In all cases where sentence or costs or both sentence and costs have been suspended by said Justices of the Peace, the defendant shall have the right to appeal in the same manner as if sentence or judgment has not been suspended.

14A. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, in any case where a Justice of the Peace in and for Baltimore City (except Traffic Court Magistrates and Prince George's and Charles Counties has sentenced a person to pay a fine or costs or both fine and costs, said Justice of the Peace shall have power, in his discretion, to order that said person pay said fine and/or costs in installments of such amounts and at such times and upon such conditions as said Justice of the Peace may fix. Said Justices of the Peace may at any time revise, modify, reduce or enlarge the amount of said installments or the time and conditions fixed for payment of the same. Should the defendant fail to pay any installment or fail to comply with any condition imposed as aforesaid, said Justice of the Peace may order said defendant committed to jail to work out the balance remaining unpaid in accordance with the provisions of any law authorizing unpaid commitment in default of payment of fine and/or costs.

In cases where a Justice of the Peace acting pursuant to the authority conferred by this section shall order the de-