

## CHAPTER 305

(House Bill 820)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 156 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Fire—False Alarm," and Section 109(21) of Article 26 of said Code (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," to provide that Municipal Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction over the offense of giving false alarms of fire.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 156 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Fire—False Alarm," and Section 109 (21) of Article 26 of said Code (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

156.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the telegraph box connected with any fire alarm telegraph or by means of telephone or telegraph system, or by any other means or method. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding twenty-four months, or to both fine and imprisonment. *In Baltimore City, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction to try persons charged with violating this section, provided that persons so convicted in the Municipal Court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by that court.*

109.

(21) False report of fire under City Code, Article 9, Section 5 and under Section 156 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

## CHAPTER 306

(House Bill 821)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 140 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments,"