

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 26, Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume, 1970 Cumulative Supplement) title "Courts" subtitle "District Courts" to be known as Section 150A to follow Section 150 thereof and to read as follows:

150A. Court Costs.

(a) *Traffic cases. The court costs in traffic cases (including parking and impounding cases) in which costs are imposed shall be five dollars (\$5.00), EXCEPT THAT IN UNCONTESTED PARKING CASES IN WHICH FINES ARE PAID THROUGH THE COURT, COSTS SHALL BE TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00).*

(b) *Criminal cases. The court costs in each criminal case in which costs are imposed shall be five dollars (\$5.00).*

These costs shall be in addition to any costs required to be imposed in criminal cases by Article 26A, Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume, 1970 Supplement) known as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

(c) *Civil cases. Filing fees and costs in civil cases shall be those now prescribed by law, subject to modification by law or by Rule. The Court of Appeals may provide by Rule for waiver of pre-payment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.*

SEC. 10. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT NEW SECTION 44 BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO ARTICLE 53, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1970 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "LANDLORD AND TENANT," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 43 THEREOF, AND TO BE UNDER THE NEW SUBTITLE "VIOLATIONS OF THE BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE OF BALTIMORE CITY," AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

44.

FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 1973, VIOLATIONS OF THE BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 32 (1966 EDITION), ARE TO BE ACTIONS AT LAW. JURISDICTION IN ALL CASES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE SHALL BE VESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY HAVING CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SEC. 11. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID FOR ANY REASON, THE INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE OTHER PROVISIONS OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION OF THIS ACT WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISIONS OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on the first Monday in July, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.