

Baltimore city, the board of police commissioners), may in their discretion, notwithstanding the other provisions of this sub-title, set aside for a given time a specified public highway or highways for speed tests or contests, to be conducted under proper restrictions for the safety and convenience of the public.

1904, ch. 518, sec. 7. 1906, ch. 449.

**137.** Any person driving a motor vehicle upon any of the public highways of this State in an organized race (except as in this sub-title otherwise provided) or on a bet or wager, shall upon conviction be fined in a sum not exceeding \$100, and in default of payment thereof be punished by imprisonment in the county or city jail, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding thirty days, the words "organized race" as used in this section not to be taken to embrace a casual brush on the public highways, which, however, is hereby prohibited, and is to be deemed punishable, when on a highway where persons are driving, as a violation of the section prohibiting a greater speed than is reasonable, and when otherwise and the speed exceeds twelve miles an hour, as a violation of sub-division 3 of section 134 of this sub-title.

Ibid. sec. 8. Ibid.

**138.** No person operating any steam or electric motor vehicle in this State shall allow the same to stand unattended on or by any road, street or other highway, without securely locking the lever or other device by which the same is started, or taking other reasonable precautions to prevent such vehicle being started by unauthorized persons; and no person operating any gasoline motor vehicle shall leave the same unattended as aforesaid without first stopping the motor and cutting off the electric current. The penalty for a violation of the foregoing provision shall be a fine not less than ten dollars. Any person who shall, without authority of the person in charge thereof, climb upon or in any automobile, whether while the same is in motion or at rest, or hurl stones or other missiles at the same, or at the occupants thereof, or who shall, while such motor vehicle is at rest and unattended, sound the horn or other signaling device, or attempt to manipulate any of the levers, the starting crank, brakes or machinery thereof, or set said vehicle in motion or otherwise damage or interfere with the same, shall