

CHAPTER 711.

(House Bill 197)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 14, 14A and 14B of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdictions", to extend the provisions of these sections to Prince George's County, in relation to trials of criminal cases before Justices of the Peace.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 14, 14A and 14B of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdictions", as enacted by Chapter 629 of the Acts of 1941, be, and they are hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 County 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 County 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