

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1947.

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CHAPTER 251.

(House Bill 299)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction", as said section was amended by Chapter 833 of the Acts of 1945, conferring concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court on Trial Magistrates in Baltimore County in cases involving One Hundred to Three Hundred Dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction", as said section was amended by Chapter 833 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. The civil jurisdiction of Trial Magistrates extends to all cases for the enforcement of contracts and to obtain redress for wrongs where the debt or damages claimed shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars, to all suits on bonds with penalty exceeding One Hundred Dollars, where the sum due and claimed does not exceed One Hundred Dollars; to actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed One Hundred Dollars and which value shall be ascertained by appraisers summoned and sworn by the sheriff or other officer to whom the writ of replevin is directed, and to all cases of attachments against non-residents or absconding debtors where the sum claimed does not exceed One Hundred Dollars and also to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in Section 36 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars.

Trial Magistrates of Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Tal-