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been found guilty of any violation of this sub-title and sentenced therefor, and who shall be convicted of a second offense of the same violation, may for such second offense be fined in double the amount herein prescribed for the first offense, and in default of payment of such fine, may be imprisoned in jail as aforesaid for a period not exceeding three months. In the case of any operator of a motor vehicle arrested for a violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title, and who in addition thereto is charged on oath with being an habitually reckless driver, or with driving habitually in excess of speed limits of this sub-title prescribed, or with habitually driving in disregard of other provisions of this sub-title, the magistrate before whom such charge is preferred shall transmit the papers in such case to court, accepting bail or committing in default thereof as in other cases, and upon the persons so charged being convicted of the charge so preferred as aforesaid, and if the court be satisfied that such person has been an habitually reckless driver, or has habitually driven in excess of the speed limits herein prescribed, or in habitual disregard of other provisions of this sub-title, such court may, in its discretion, sentence the person so convicted to imprisonment in the county or city jail, as the case may be, for a term not exceeding sixty days, in addition to imposing the fine prescribed. Any person charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title, and being convicted thereof before any committing magistrate or justice of the peace of this State, shall have the right to appeal from the judgment of such magistrate to the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, if convicted in Baltimore city or court of criminal jurisdiction of any county in which he may be so convicted, and such court on such appeal shall hear the case *de novo*; provided, however, that such appeal be taken within thirty days from the date of judgment. All fines imposed for violations of the provisions of this sub-title shall be turned over to the proper authorities of the city or counties to be used for street or road improvements, and no part of any such fines shall go to the informer. In case the owner of a motor vehicle shall be taken into custody because of a violation of any provision of this sub-title, he shall be forthwith taken before the nearest justice of the peace or police justice or court and be entitled to an immediate hearing, and if such hearing cannot

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