

Punishments," subtitle "House of Correction," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 469. When any person is convicted in any court of this State of any misdemeanor, punishable under the laws of this State by imprisonment in jail or in the penitentiary or by fine and imprisonment in jail or the penitentiary, such court shall have power in its discretion to sentence such person to be confined in the House of Correction, instead of the penitentiary or jail; provided, that the the term of confinement in the said House of Correction shall not be for a less period than may now or hereafter be lawfully imposed for the offense of which such person was so convicted, and that such person so sentenced to confinement in said House of Correction be not sentenced to be confined therein for a longer period than three years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Code of 1904), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "House of Correction," to follow immediately after Section 469, to be known as Section 469A, and to read as follows:

SEC. 469A. When any person is convicted before any Justice of the Peace of Maryland, having criminal jurisdiction of any misdemeanor punishable under the laws of this State by imprisonment in jail, or by fine and imprisonment in jail, the said Justice of the Peace shall have power in his discretion to sentence such persons to be confined in the House of Correction instead of jail, provided that the said term of confinement in the said House of Correction shall not be for a less period than two months, nor for a greater period than three years.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall apply to or affect the prosecution of any offense which may have been committed prior to the passage of this Act, or the punishment provided for such offense.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 13, 1910.

CHAPTER 732.

AN ACT to add two additional sections to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "III. Place of Reformation and Punishment," said additional sections to follow