

CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 318 and 319 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Larceny," increasing the minimum in larceny from five dollars or upwards to twenty-five dollars or upwards, and providing that the theft of property under the value of twenty-five dollars shall be a misdemeanor, and prescribing the penalties therefor, and fixing the time within which actions may be brought, and conferring jurisdiction upon certain Justices of the Peace of the Counties, and providing method of procedure; and to add a new section to follow immediately after Section 319, to be designated as Section 319A, making the breaking of any shop, store house, tobacco house or warehouse, with intent to steal an amount under the value of twenty-five dollars, or stealing, in such breaking, an amount under the value of one dollar, misdemeanors, and providing jurisdiction and penalties for same; and providing further that nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with any prosecution that has or may hereafter be commenced for any violation of these sections, hereby repealed or added, happening previous to the date this law becomes effective.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 318 and 319 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Larceny," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and adding thereto one new section to be designated as Section 319A.

318. Every person convicted of the crime of larceny to the value of twenty-five dollars or upwards, or as accessory thereto before the fact shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall restore the money, goods or things taken to the owner, or shall pay him the full value thereof, and be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than fifteen years, or to the House of Correction or Jail for not more than ten years.

319. If any person shall steal, take and carry away personal goods of another under the value of twenty-five dollars and being thereof convicted he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall restore the goods and