

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Procedure—Indictments—Amendment," said new section to be known as Section 563A and to follow immediately after Section 563 of said Article, providing for the hearing of motions for new trials in criminal cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Procedure—Indictments—Amendment," said section to be known as Section 563A, to follow immediately after Section 563 of said Article, and to read as follows:

563A. All motions for new trials in criminal cases shall be heard by the Court in which said motion is pending, or by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in cases of motions for new trials pending in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, within ten days after the filing of said motion, or, in the event an agreed statement of the evidence, or a statement of the evidence certified by the Judge before whom the case was tried, is filed, within ten days after the filing of said statement; provided, however, that the time for the hearing of any such motion may be extended either by an agreement in writing, signed by the State's Attorney of the County or the City of Baltimore, wherein such motion is pending, and by the defendant or his counsel, or by an order signed by the trial Judge.

SEC. 2. *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 upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved December 15, 1933.

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 459 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1931, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 10A, to follow immedi-