

among the Land Records of Baltimore City in Liber M. L. P. No. 6184, folio 476.

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 by 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 March 23, 1943.

## CHAPTER 149.

(House Bill 10)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 131 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct", relating to penalties for violations of the law and providing additional penalties to habitual offenders.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 131 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

131. Every person who shall be found drunk, or acting in a disorderly manner, to the disturbance of the public peace, upon any public street or highway, in any city, town or county, in this State, or at any place of public worship or public resort or amusement in any city, town or county of this State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars, or be confined in jail for a period of not more than sixty days or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court. Habitual offenders may be fined not more than one hundred dollars or committed to jail for not more than six months. An habitual offender is a person who shall have been convicted under the provisions of this section five (5) times in the preceding twelve (12) months. The Trial Magistrates of the respective counties of this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction over such offense with the Circuit Court for their