

CHAPTER 21.

(Senate Bill 43)

AN ACT to repeal Section 4 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Abortion", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 81 of said Article, sub-title "Defaulters", and Section 357 of said Article, sub-title "Health—Narcotic Drugs", to eliminate the provisions requiring a special charge to grand juries.

WHEREAS, there seems to be no substantial reason for directing judges to charge grand juries with respect to three designated criminal offenses and ignoring all the other criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, it seems desirable to place all criminal offenses in the same category; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 4 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Abortion", be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 81 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Defaulters", and Section 357 of said Article, sub-title "Health—Narcotic Drugs", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

81. If any clerk, register of wills, sheriff, collector of taxes, notary public, or other officer, whose duty it is to collect revenue due the State of Maryland or any county thereof, shall, after the receipt of the said revenue by him, wilfully detain the same in his possession and neglect to pay the same into the treasury of the State or to the county commissioners, or the proper officer authorized to receive the same, for more than sixty days after the day upon which it is made by law his duty to pay the same, or if no particular day be appointed by law for said payment, and such officer shall detain any revenue due to the State or to any county thereof, and which it is his duty to collect, and which he shall have collected and shall neglect to pay the same into the treasury of the State, or to the county commissioners, or the proper officer authorized to receive the same, for the space of six months after he shall have so collected the same, such officer so offending in either case shall be deemed to be a defaulter, and, upon indictment