

in any one case the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00); all of which fine shall be paid to the Department of Motor Vehicles in the same manner as other fines; and imprisonment in default of payment of such fine shall be imposed to the same extent as in the case of other fines; provided, however, that the power aforesaid to punish for contempt shall not be construed to extend to any cases arising in Traffic Court, except the cases specifically set forth and provided for in Section 4 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as within the power of the several courts of this State to inflict summary punishments for contempt of court.

293. **POWER TO SUSPEND OPERATOR'S LICENSES: RIGHT TO APPEAL FROM SUSPENSION.** The Magistrates shall have power to suspend, for periods not exceeding three months, the operator's or chauffeur's licenses issued to persons upon convictions for violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws before said magistrates, such power to be in addition to the power to sentence such persons by fine or imprisonment as herein otherwise specified; provided that said persons shall have the same right of appeal to the Criminal Court of Baltimore City from such suspensions, governed by the same procedure, as they now have to appeal from convictions of Motor Vehicle Law violations.

294. **APPEAL NOT TO STAY SUSPENSION.** Such suspensions by said Magistrates shall be effective immediately and an appeal to Criminal Court therefrom shall not be a stay of such order of suspension.

295. **DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE LICENSE.** Nothing herein shall affect the right of the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend or revoke such license for the causes specified in this Article.

296. **POWER TO IMPOSE LESS THAN MINIMUM STATUTORY PENALTY.** The several Magistrates of the Traffic Court shall have and possess the same power to impose a less penalty of the same character in lieu of the minimum penalty provided by the Motor Vehicle Laws, that is now conferred upon the Criminal Court of Baltimore City by Section 682 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

297. **POWER TO SUSPEND SENTENCE AT TIME OF TRIAL.** The Magistrates of the Traffic Court shall also have and possess power to suspend sentence in any case within their jurisdiction provided that such suspension is made at the trial of the case and not after judgment has been pronounced.