

the prisoner to the Sheriff, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the several counties of this State, upon receipt of such commitment, to forthwith obtain such prisoner if he be not in his custody.

In the trial of all charges of any offense, crime, or misdemeanor, except motor vehicle cases, and in the conduct of all prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any fine or penalty, as described in the preceding paragraph of this section, the proceedings and the method of trial, the right to demand a jury trial and the right to appeal shall be such as are prescribed by said paragraph, and such paragraph shall be deemed applicable in all its terms to each and every such offense, crime, misdemeanor, prosecution or proceeding, except motor vehicle cases, whether now or subsequently defined, unless the statute defining them declares, by specific reference, that this section shall not apply.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any and all other laws or parts of laws, whether general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, it being the intention of this Act to make uniform throughout the State (except in Baltimore City) the method of trial, the right to demand a jury trial, and the right of appeal in all cases of a criminal nature, subject to the jurisdiction of Trial Magistrates, except motor vehicle cases, whether now existing or subsequently defined, unless the statute defining them declares, by specific reference, that said section shall not apply.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved May 4, 1943.

CHAPTER 488.

(House Bill 137)

AN ACT to alter and amend the laws relating to the assessment and taxation of railroads, other public utilities and contract carriers, and the assessment and taxation of rolling stock of other persons habitually used on railroads in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 6 (2) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-