

CHAPTER 22

(House Bill 88)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said new section to be known as Section 545A, to follow immediately after Section 545 of said Article, and to be under the sub-title "Rape", relating to verdicts "without capital punishment" for the crimes of rape and carnal knowledge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), said new section to be known as Section 545A, to follow immediately after Section 545 of said Article, to be under the sub-title "Rape", and to read as follows:

545A. The jury which finds any person guilty of rape under Section 544 of this sub-title, or guilty of carnal knowledge under Section 545 of this sub-title, may add to their verdict the words "without capital punishment", in which event the sentence of the Court shall not exceed twenty years in the Penitentiary; and in no such case in which the jury has returned a verdict including the words "without capital punishment" shall the court in imposing sentence, sentence the convicted person to pay the death penalty or to be confined in the Penitentiary for more than twenty years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 23

(House Bill 101)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 63 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Mechanics' Lien", to be under sub-title "Livestock", said new section to be known as Section 51, and to follow immediately after Section 50 of said Article, relating to lien for board and other expenses for giving care and custody to horses or other livestock.