

sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", so as to provide that all persons charged with murder, manslaughter, or manslaughter by automobile shall be taken before the Justice of the Peace sitting at the Central Police Station and that all females and children under sixteen years of age arrested upon any criminal charge, whether under the laws of Maryland or of the City of Baltimore, shall be taken before the Justice of the Peace sitting at a station-house designated by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City as the "Women's and Children's Court", this latter being subject to certain exceptions; and to repeal Section 565 of said Charter, title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Police Commissioner", heading "Miscellaneous".

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 428 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Ed.), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

428. (a) *Except in cases of persons charged with murder, manslaughter, or manslaughter by automobile and of females and children under sixteen years of age, [Whenever] whenever any person shall be arrested upon any criminal charge, or for the violation of any law of this State, or of any ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, it shall be the duty of the police officer or constable making such arrest, or in whose custody the [said] person [so] arrested may be, to take [the] such person [so arrested] before the Justice of the Peace [sitting at a station-house] who [may have] issued the writ or warrant for such arrest, or before whom such writ or warrant of arrest is made returnable [;], [but] provided that if such arrest is made without a writ or warrant, or if such writ or warrant is made returnable before [another] a Justice of the Peace other than a Justice of the Peace sitting at a station-house, it shall be the duty of [the said] such police officer or constable to take the person [so] arrested to the nearest station-house [;]. [and the] The Justice of the Peace sitting at [said] the station-house to which the person arrested is taken shall take jurisdiction [in said] of the case [.] and dispose of such case promptly.*

(b) *All persons charged with murder, manslaughter, or manslaughter by automobile shall be taken by the police officer making the arrest, or in whose custody the person arrested may be, before the Justice of the Peace sitting in*