

(b) All prosecutions for violation of the provisions of this section may be either upon presentment and indictment in any court having criminal jurisdiction in this State, or by trial before any justice of the peace duly assigned to hear and determine criminal matters in and for the county or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, where the offense occurs, and jurisdiction original and concurrent with the said courts having criminal jurisdiction is hereby given to the said justices of the peace as aforesaid and they shall have power to issue all processes and do all acts which may be necessary for the exercise of said jurisdiction; and may try and determine all such cases and may pronounce judgment and impose sentence therein to the same extent as the aforesaid courts having criminal jurisdiction could do in such cases, if such cases were tried before such court without a jury; provided, however, that if any person when brought before any such justice having jurisdiction of the case, shall, before the trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial, or if the State's Attorney for the county or City of Baltimore where the offense occurs shall, before the trial of such alleged offense, pray a jury trial on behalf of the State, it shall be the duty of such justice to commit such alleged offender for trial, or to hold him to bail to appear for trial in the Court having criminal jurisdiction in the case, at its then or next session and to transmit said commitment or recognizance with the names and residences of the witnesses for the prosecution endorsed thereon, forthwith to the Clerk of said Court; and the justice of the peace, before whom the accused is brought for trial, shall inform him seasonably of his right to demand a trial by jury.

(c) Provided further that jurisdiction to try and determine all cases under Section 562, occurring with the City of Baltimore, shall remain in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City exclusively.

(d) Provided further that nothing in Sections 562 and 563 shall be construed to change, enlarge or diminish the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in any of the counties of the State or the City of Baltimore who are herein specifically vested with authority to hear, try and determine cases under this section, but that only such Justices are vested with authority herein as would have jurisdiction and authority to hear, try and determine cases of violation of the law before June 1, 1945.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 11, 1953.