

Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction," providing that Trial Magistrates (except in the City of Baltimore), shall have criminal jurisdiction in offenses punishable by imprisonment in jail or the Maryland House of Correction and in offenses not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, as provided in the particular penal statute defining said offense and not as provided in Section 794 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition).

WHEREAS, Section 794 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), provides that when any person is convicted in the Circuit Court of any county or the Criminal Court of Baltimore of any crime punishable by imprisonment, said Court may sentence such person to imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, Sub-section (a) of Section 13 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), provides that Trial Magistrates in the State of Maryland (except in the City of Baltimore), shall have criminal jurisdiction of offenses not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary and offenses punishable by imprisonment in the jail or in the Maryland House of Correction; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature that Trial Magistrates should not be deprived of the jurisdiction granted by Sub-section (a) of Section 13 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition); now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-section (a) of Section 13 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

13. (a) The several Trial Magistrates of the State of Maryland (except in the City of Baltimore) are hereby vested with, and shall have hereafter jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all cases involving the charge of any offense, crime or misdemeanor, not punishable by confinement in the Penitentiary, *as provided in the particular penal statute defining said offense and not as provided in Section 794 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition)*, or involving a felonious intent, which may be committed within their respective counties; and