

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 1, 1955.

CHAPTER 204

(Senate Bill 182)

AN ACT to repeal ~~SUB SECTION 278 (H) AND TO REPEAL~~ and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Sub-sections 278 (g) and (h) SUB-SECTION 278 (G)~~ SUB-SECTIONS 278 (G) AND (H) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles on Highways", relating to violations of the motor vehicle weight limits.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That ~~Sub-sections 278 (g) and (h) SUB-SECTION 278 (H) BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND THAT SUB-SECTION 278 (G)~~ of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles on Highways", ~~be and they are IT IS THEY ARE~~ hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

278.

(g). The Trial Magistrate upon the conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of this section, Section 80 and Article 89B shall impose the following fines:

(1) For a weight violation [~~of less than 5,000 pounds~~] over the registered weight or any statutory weight limit, a fine of 2 cents for every pound of excess weight *up to 5,000 pounds* shall be imposed.

(2) For a weight violation in excess of 5,000 pounds over the registered weight or any statutory weight limit, a fine of 6 cents for [~~every~~] *each additional* pound of excess weight *over 5,000 pounds* shall be imposed.

~~(h). The Trial Magistrate, upon the conviction for a violation of any of the provisions relating to the weight of a vehicle, shall not have power to suspend or reduce the fine. Provided that the Magistrate shall in computing any fine for excess weight, give a credit for any excess weight caused by an accumulation of cinders, snow or ice.~~

(H) THE TRIAL MAGISTRATE, UPON THE CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE, SHALL NOT HAVE POWER TO SUSPEND OR REDUCE THE FINE. PROVIDED THAT THE MAGISTRATE SHALL IN COMPUTING ANY FINE FOR EX-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.