

title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence"; and Section 665 of Article 66C of said Code, title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", providing that Section 675 of Article 27 shall have no application to Section 665 of Article 66C, and further providing for the removal of the jurisdiction of the courts mentioned in Section 665 of Article 66C over offenses committed in Chesapeake Bay waters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 675 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Jurisdiction, Procedure and Sentence", and Section 665 of Article 66C of said Code, title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

675. Any person who shall commit any crime, offense or misdemeanor upon the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, within the limits of this State, and without the body of any county thereof, and all aiders, abettors, comforters and accessories thereof and thereto, may be indicted and tried in any court of this State having jurisdiction of similar crimes, offenses and misdemeanors, of the county in which he may be arrested, or into which he may first be brought. *The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to Section 665 of Article 66C of this Code.*

665. (a).

(1). Whenever the word "Court" or "Courts" is used in this section it shall mean and include any Circuit Court of the Tidewater Counties, the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, any Trial Magistrate of the said Counties or City, or any Justice of the Peace having criminal jurisdiction in any of the said Tidewater Counties, provided such Court, Trial Magistrate or Justice of the Peace has jurisdiction over the alleged violator.

[Any of the above mentioned Courts shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any criminal proceeding brought against any person for the violation of the provisions of this Article in the event that said violations occurred or were committed in or on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, as defined in Sub-section (j), Sec. 649 of this sub-title, title "Definitions".

If the said violation occurred in or on county waters, as defined in Sub-section (i) of said Sec. 649, the Courts having jurisdiction in the county where the violation occurred shall have jurisdiction thereof. *If the said violation occurred in any waters adjacent to and contiguous with any tidewater county, the courts having jurisdiction in the county where the violation occurred shall have jurisdiction thereof.*

When the word "person" is used in this section it shall have the meaning defined in Sub-section (m) of **[said]** Sec. 649 of this sub-title, *Definitions*".

In all criminal proceedings arising from the violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title the defendant shall have the right of appeal in the same manner and to the same extent that defendants now have in case of convictions for misdemeanors.