

be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

158.

Any person or persons taking and carrying away fish or crabs belonging to another person, firm or corporation, with intent to convert the same to their own use, from any boat, live box, crab pot, trot line, or in the pocket or crib of any pound net or inclosed or gilled in a fish net of any kind, or molesting, disturbing or destroying the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, or sentenced to the county jail in the county where he shall be first brought for trial, or to the Maryland House of Correction, for a period not exceeding two years, or both fine and imprisonment. PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT NOTHING HEREIN RELATING OR REFERRING TO MOLESTING, DISTURBING OR DESTROYING SHALL APPLY OR BE APPLICABLE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO SEINEHAULERS WHEN ENGAGED IN THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF LAYING OR TAKING UP NETS IN MAKING A HAUL.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 487

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 (1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", to authorize justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates in Baltimore County, before a conviction, to suspend sentences, place on probation and to make conditions for suspension of sentence and probation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 19 (1) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

19.

(1) Conditions of suspension or probation.—The justices of the peace in and for Baltimore City and [Prince George's and Charles] Baltimore, Charles and Prince George's counties (except traffic court magistrates), in any case within their jurisdiction, shall have power, before conviction of any person accused of crime, with the written consent of the person so accused, and after conviction or after plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, without such consent, to: (a) Suspend that imposition of sentence; (b) place such person on probation before commitment; (c) and in all such cases above named to make