

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", Section 477, be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§ 477. Jurisdiction over violators; prosecution; jury trial.

The several justices of the peace in the respective counties of this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts for their respective counties []; and the justices of the peace selected to sit at the respective station houses in the City of Baltimore shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Criminal Court of Baltimore] in the case of persons arrested for the violation of the provisions of § 474 hereof, and such respective justices of the peace shall proceed to hear and determine such cases when the parties arrested upon charges of such violation are respectively brought before them, and to acquit such persons, or to sentence such persons for the offense if convicted thereof, unless such respective persons so charged, when so brought before any such justice of the peace and before they are respectively tried, as aforesaid, shall pray a jury trial. If any person charged with the commission of any one or more of the several offenses mentioned in § 474 hereof, and brought before any justice of the peace, shall pray a jury trial as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the said justice of the peace to commit such person for trial, or to hold him in bail to appear before [the Criminal Court of Baltimore or] the circuit court for the county [as the case may be]; and to return the commitment or the recognizance in such case immediately to the clerk of said court, and if such person or persons shall be found guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of § 474 hereof, the court or justice of the peace imposing the punishment therein prescribed shall also award to the rightful owner or dealer possession of all of the property involved in such violation.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Thieves and Pickpockets," Section 558, be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

§ 558. In Baltimore City.

It shall be the duty of all police officers and detectives in Baltimore City to arrest and take before [some one of the station house justices in] *the Municipal Court of Baltimore City* all persons whom they shall find in Baltimore City or upon any train, boat, car or other vehicle commonly used for the transportation of passengers which may be bound to or from Baltimore City who they shall know or have good reason to believe are common thieves or pickpockets, and said [police justices] *Municipal Court* shall commit or bail such persons for trial before the Criminal Court of Baltimore; and if any person in Baltimore City shall be charged on oath before any [station house justice in] *judge of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City* or before the judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore with being a common thief or pickpocket, such [justice or] judge shall issue a warrant for the arrest of such person and commit or bail him for trial; and any person convicted in the Criminal Court of Baltimore of being a common thief or common pickpocket shall