

SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1963.

Approved May 6, 1963.

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CHAPTER 888  
(Senate Bill 604)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 331 of Article 66½ and Section 107 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), titles "Motor Vehicles" and "Justices of the Peace", respectively, sub-titles "Offenses and Prosecutions" and "Trial Magistrates System", respectively, increasing certain fees collected by justices of the peace or trial magistrates in cases involving violations of the motor vehicle laws and increasing the amounts to be paid to the county commissioners of each county for certain cases before trial magistrates involving violations of the motor vehicle laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 331 of Article 66½ and Section 107 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), titles "Motor Vehicles" and "Justices of the Peace", respectively, sub-titles "Offenses and Prosecutions" and "Trial Magistrates System", respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

331.

Every justice of the peace or trial magistrate shall maintain within the limits of the county for which he is appointed a suitable office for the transaction of his duties as such, and shall under no circumstances try any case involving a violation of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of the State, or impose or collect any fine or collateral in any case except within said office or, if outside his office hours, within the house in which he regularly resides.

The fees of justices of the peace or trial magistrate in cases involving alleged violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State shall be as follows:

*IN CASES IN WHICH THERE IS A GUILTY PLEA ENTERED, THE FEE FOR ENTERING SUCH PLEA SHALL BE THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00).*

*IN CASES IN WHICH A NOT GUILTY PLEA IS ENTERED, BUT THERE IS A CONVICTION OF GUILTY ENTERED, THE FEE FOR ENTERING THE GUILTY PLEA SHALL BE FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00).*

And no justice of the peace or trial magistrate shall charge, receive or attempt to collect any fees other than or in excess of those enumerated in this section in any case arising under this article.

No justice shall try any case except upon warrant duly prepared in the form required by law, which shall be preserved with the other papers pertaining to his office.