

CHAPTER 453

(House Bill 391)

An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 577 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1962 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Trespass," providing that the crime of trespass as therein set forth shall not preclude the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from enacting legislation making it unlawful or prohibitory to refuse, withhold from or deny to any person because of his race, creed, color or national origin any accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges of any place or places whose facilities, accommodations, services, commodities or use are offered to or enjoyed by the general public, either with or without charge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 577 is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

577.

Any person or persons who shall enter upon or cross over the land, premises or private property of any person or persons in this State after having been duly notified by the owner or his agent not to do so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before some justice of the peace in the county where such trespass may have been committed be fined by said justice of the peace not less than one, nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall stand committed to the jail of the county until such fine and costs are paid; provided, however, that the person or persons so convicted shall have the right to appeal from the judgment of said justice of the peace to the circuit court for the county where such trespass was committed, at any time within ten days after such judgment was rendered; and, provided, further, that nothing in this section shall be construed to include within its provisions the entry upon or crossing over any land when such entry or crossing is done under a bona fide claim or right of ownership of said land, it being the intention of this section only to prohibit any wanton trespass upon the private land of others. *Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from enacting legislation making it unlawful or prohibitory to refuse, withhold from or deny to any person because of his race, creed, color or national origin any accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges of any place or places whose facilities, accommodations, services, commodities or use are offered to or enjoyed by the general public, either with or without charge.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.