

CHAPTER 150
(House Bill 251)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 38 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," increasing the fine for the failure of a witness to appear before a justice of the peace.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

38.

If the witness shall fail to appear on the return day of the summons the justice shall issue an attachment of contempt made returnable before the justice issuing the same who may, at his discretion, fine such defaulting witness in any sum not exceeding [three dollars] ~~two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) and shall issue execution for such fine and costs; and the same shall be collected and paid to the justice who shall, on or before the first day of January, annually, pay the same to the clerk of the circuit court for the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 151
(House Bill 83)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 67 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Cruelty to Animals", to correct an error in the law relating to the care of mistreated and neglected animals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 67 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "Cruelty to Animals", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

67.

Whenever the owner or custodian of an animal is convicted of any act of cruelty thereto, the judge or magistrate as the case may be may use his own discretion in ordering the removal of said animal or animals for their protection at the time of conviction.