

In addition to the powers above enumerated, and not in derogation or limitation thereof, the judges of the People's Court shall have the following powers:

(a) To suspend or reduce sentence and/or costs in any case within their jurisdiction within ten days after judgment has been pronounced, provided, however, that the court shall not be authorized to reduce the fine for any criminal or traffic offense below the minimum fine prescribed by law for such offense, and provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to affect the power of the court to suspend any such fine entirely.

(b) To regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said court, such rules to have the force of law until rescinded or modified by the said judges or the General Assembly, provided, however, that no formal pleadings shall be required in any case before the said court, and provided further, however, that counterclaims and/or setoffs shall be permitted in all civil cases.

In Prince George's County, the judges of the People's Court shall have the power, in addition to power otherwise enumerated in this section, to establish a traffic school for persons convicted of violating the laws relating to the use and operation of motor vehicles. As a part of the penalty and judgment in their case, all persons convicted of violating any law relating to the use and operation of motor vehicles may be required to attend the traffic school, under the conditions hereinafter described. The traffic school, which shall have as its purposes driver education and safety, shall be under the direction and control of the judges of the People's Court, and it shall be operated by the county police of Prince George's County. Violators may be required to attend the traffic school for a period of time not to exceed an aggregate of ten hours. [The traffic school shall be held in the courtroom at Marlboro one night a week and in the courtroom at Hyattsville one night a week.] *The traffic school shall be held at such times and in such places as may be designated by the judges of the People's Court.*

The laws which heretofore have specified the fees chargeable by trial magistrates and justices of the peace in said counties and also the laws previously concerning the right of appeal from the trial magistrates and justices of the peace in said counties shall continue in all respects to be effective as to the People's Court of Montgomery County and to the People's Court of Prince George's County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 319  
(House Bill 188)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6 (j) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replac-