

People's Court for Montgomery County, at either a state hospital or an institution maintained by Montgomery County. TO REPEAL AND REENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 13(A) OF ARTICLE 52 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "JUSTICES OF THE PEACE," SUBTITLE "CRIMINAL JURISDICTION," TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITMENT OF ALCOHOLICS AND DRUG ADDICTS BY TRIAL MAGISTRATES AND JUDGES OF THE PEOPLE'S COURT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES AND BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, AT EITHER A STATE HOSPITAL OR AT AN INSTITUTION MAINTAINED BY THAT COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY.

*Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 49 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Chancery," subtitle "Inebriates," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

**49. Committing alcoholic or drug addict charged with criminal offense.**

When any person charged with the commission of a criminal offense is shown to the satisfaction of the judge before whom he is brought to be suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism, or who is habitually addicted to the use of narcotic drugs as that term is defined in Section 276 of Article 27 of this Code as amended from time to time, the said judge may commit him to one of the State hospitals for treatment and observation, under such terms and conditions as he may determine; provided, that no such commitment shall be made except by one of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or of the circuit court for any county [.] or, in cases arising in Montgomery County, of the People's Court of Montgomery County; provided further, that in Montgomery County commitment may also be made to an institution or hospital maintained by that county. In the case of a user of narcotic drugs, the commitment shall be made by the judge only after consultation with the superintendent of the mental hospital to which the commitment is to be made.

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT SECTION 13(A) OF ARTICLE 52 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "JUSTICES OF THE PEACE," SUBTITLE "CRIMINAL JURISDICTION," BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### 13. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(A) JURISDICTION AND GENERAL POWERS—THE SEVERAL TRIAL MAGISTRATES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND ARE HEREBY VESTED WITH, AND SHALL HAVE