

12.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this article, no county, city or other political subdivision of this State shall require any person, firm or corporation to obtain a permit or license to transact in such county, city or other political subdivision, any business or occupation for which it or he is required to obtain a State license under the provisions of this article, nor shall any county, city or other political subdivision of this State levy any occupational tax or fee upon such person, firm or corporation for transacting any such business or engaging in any such occupation for which such State license is required. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any county, city or other political subdivision of this State may require permits or licenses to be obtained where necessary for regulatory purposes in the interest of the public health, safety or morals. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to be repealed by any local act hereafter passed unless expressly referred to and expressly repealed in terms. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to Prince George's County [or to] , Baltimore City or Worcester County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

CHAPTER 539

(House Bill 1296)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 98(a) and (d), and 108(15)(a) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System" to add an additional full-time judge of the People's Court of Montgomery County effective January 1, 1970, to increase the salaries of the said judges and to abolish the substitute judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County as of May 1, 1970, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 98(a) and (d) and 108(15)(a) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System" be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

98.

(a) As of June 15, 1955, the County Council for Montgomery County shall appoint three judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County who shall meet the qualifications provided in this Article and who shall serve until the first day of May in the year 1963 or until their successors are appointed and qualified. As of the first day of May in every tenth year thereafter, the County Council