

It shall be unlawful to KNOWINGLY allow Johnsongrass to set seed on any idle or vacant land and it shall be the duty of each landowner to mow, to cultivate, or to treat with chemicals, or use such other practices as may be prescribed by the State Board of Agriculture as effective in preventing seed set on all Johnsongrass infestations on his property.

204.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this subtitle shall be reported to the State's attorney and/or any other prosecuting officer of any county or city in which any violation of this subtitle may occur, and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney to prosecute all violations and to bring an action to enjoin such nuisance.

205.

Any person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this subtitle, or any rule or regulation made thereunder, or who interferes with the State Board of Agriculture in the enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 on each count.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.*

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 369

(House Bill 884)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 98B(7) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," to increase the monetary jurisdiction of the People's Court of Anne Arundel County in civil cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 98B(7) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

98B(7).

The judges of the People's Court of Anne Arundel County shall have all the authority, power, civil and criminal jurisdiction in the