

by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1970

CHAPTER 147

(House Bill 20)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 and 4 of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Fines and Forfeitures"; Sections 113(b) and 113(c) of Article 26 of said Code (1966 Replacement Volume and ~~1968 Supplement~~), title "Courts," subtitle "Municipal Court of Baltimore City"; Section 39 of Article 5 of said Code (1968 Replacement Volume and ~~1968 Supplement~~), title "Appeals," subtitle "Appeals to Circuit Courts for Counties and Superior Court of Baltimore City"; and Section 340 of Article 66½ of said Code (1967 Replacement Volume and ~~1968 Supplement~~), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Offenses and Prosecutions," eliminating imprisonment for non-payment of costs of criminal prosecutions and eliminating such costs as part of any penalty, amending the law generally with regard to the payment of fines and commitment for non-payment thereof, providing for the limitation, or elimination of, fines in certain circumstances and for the resentencing in certain circumstances of defendants sentenced to pay fines, making the provisions of Section 4 of Article 38 as hereby amended applicable uniformly throughout the State and repealing all acts inconsistent therewith to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and ~~1969 Supplement~~), title "Fines and Forfeitures," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

FINES AND FORFEITURES

1.

When any fine or penalty is imposed by any act of Assembly of this State or by any ordinance of any incorporated city or town in this State enacted in pursuance of sufficient authority, for the doing of any act forbidden to be done by such act of Assembly or ordinance, or for omitting to do any act required to be done by such act of Assembly or ordinance, the doing of such act or the omission to do such act shall be deemed to be a criminal offense [;]. *Any such offense alleged to have been committed within their respective territorial jurisdictions may be prosecuted in Baltimore City in the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, or in a County, in the People's Court or before a trial magistrate of such County whenever authorized by applicable law to try cases involving violations of the statute or ordinance for which such fine may be imposed; or any such*