

or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City [shall have] HAS full and absolute jurisdiction to try all offenses committed in violation of this [[subtitle]] SUBHEADING, [when such] IF transportation [or any part thereof shall be] IS offered, solicited, begun, continued or ended in [such] THAT county or the City of Baltimore.

553.

Every person convicted of the crime of sodomy shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not [less than one year nor] more than ten years.

554.

Every person who [shall be] IS convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the court.

And in any indictment for the commission of any of the acts, hereby declared to be offenses, it shall not be necessary to set forth the particular unnatural or perverted sexual practice with the commission of which the defendant may be charged, nor to set forth the particular manner in which said unnatural or perverted sexual practice was committed, but it shall be sufficient if the indictment set forth that the defendant committed a certain unnatural and perverted sexual practice with a person or animal, as the case may be.

[[SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the common-law]] [[crime of rape is]] [[crimes of rape and sodomy are abolished.]]

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act are applicable only to offenses committed after the effective date of this Act; and the repeal or amendment by this Act of crimes and offenses existing prior to the effective date of this Act does not preclude the prosecution of persons who, prior to the effective date of this Act, committed those crimes and offenses as those crimes and offenses then existed.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.