

hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(d) Every person convicted of the crime of shoplifting to the value of [\$100.00] \$100 or upwards, or as accessory [thereto] before the fact, [shall be deemed] IS guilty of a felony and shall restore any goods, or things taken, to the owner or shall pay him [the] THEIR full value [thereof], and shall be fined not more than [\$1,000.00] \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not more than three years. If any person [shall be] IS convicted of the crime of shoplifting under the value of [\$100.00] \$100 he [shall be deemed] IS guilty of a misdemeanor and shall restore the goods and chattels [so] taken, or pay [the] THEIR full value [thereof] to the owner thereof, and be fined not more than [\$100.00] \$500 or imprisoned for not more than [eighteen] 18 months in the house of correction or jail, or both fined and imprisoned. In Baltimore City, where the value of the thing stolen does not exceed [five hundred dollars (\$500.00)] \$500, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City [shall have] HAS jurisdiction to try persons charged with violating this section[, provided that persons so]. PERSONS convicted in the Municipal Court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by that court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any event or happening occurring prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.
