SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 229

(Senate Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Sentences

FOR the purpose of altering the period of imprisonment which is specified by the Code as the criteria to determine whether a defendant may demand a jury trial; and providing a rule to calculate the number of days in a 3-month term of imprisonment.

BY adding to

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation Section 2A Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 4-302(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

2A.

IF THE PENALTY SPECIFIED BY THE CODE FOR A CRIME IS 3-MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, THE PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND CALCULATED TO BE A PERIOD OF 90-CALENDAR DAYS.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-302.