

FOR the purpose of altering the permissible fines that may be imposed for certain misdemeanors in Queen Anne's County; altering the procedure for recovering the fines; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County
Section 5-4(i)
Article 18 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1974 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 18 - Queen Anne's County

5-4.

(i) To provide that violations of ordinances and resolutions authorized by any Public General or Public Local Law shall be punishable as misdemeanors, but no penalty shall exceed a fine of [one hundred dollars (\$100.00)]\$1,000 and imprisonment for [ninety (90)]90 days. Imprisonment in default of fine and costs shall be regulated by the provisions of [Section 4 of] Article 38, SECTION 4 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and any amendments thereto.

All fines, forfeitures, and penalties imposed by any ordinance or resolution of the County Commissioners may be recovered in the corporate name of the county [before a trial magistrate]IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND, as small debts are recovered, and the money arising therefrom shall be paid to the county for its use. Provided, that any person subject to any fine, forfeiture, or penalty by virtue of any such ordinance or resolution shall have a right to appeal within [ten (10)]10 days to the Circuit Court of the County in which such fine, forfeiture or penalty was imposed and shall have the right, if he so elects, to a trial by jury, upon giving ample security for the payment of such fine and costs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved April 13, 1982.
