

credits or preference may be extended to the wives of such veterans as have themselves been unable to qualify for merit system appointment because of disability and to the unmarried widows of deceased veterans. The rules and regulations of any Civil Service Commission or Board may also provide for exempting such war veterans under fifty-five years of age from any age limitation or requirement.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

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CHAPTER 826.

(House Bill 690)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 109 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously", authorizing Trial Magistrates to try certain offenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 109 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

109. Any person who shall wilfully or maliciously injure or destroy any dwelling house, outhouse, stable, barn, warehouse, storehouse, banking-house, factory, workshop, court house, school house, church, mill house, or take and carry away any growing tree, or cut down any tree, or destroy a vine, plant, shrubbery, root, vegetable, fruit or grain, or any fencing, cord wood or hoop poles shall, on conviction thereof before a Trial Magistrate or the Circuit Court for the County or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and be imprisoned for not more than one year, or be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.