

are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate annually for "The Friendly Inn of Baltimore City," any sum or sums of money not exceeding the sum of six thousand dollars per annum. Appropriation for "Friendly Inn."

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved April 6th, 1894.

## CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Sentence," to be designated "Section 304 A."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an additional section, to be designated section 304 A, be and the same is hereby added to article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Sentence," to follow section 304, and to read as follows: New section.

304 A. In any case in which a person is convicted, before any court, of larceny or false pretenses, or any other offence, not capital, and no previous conviction is proved against him, if it appears to the court before whom he is so convicted that, regard being had to the youth, character and antecedents of the offender, to the nature of the offence, and to any extenuating circumstances under which the offence was committed, it is expedient that the offender be released on probation of good conduct, the court may, instead of sentencing him at once to any punishment, direct that he be released on his entering into a recognizance, with or without sureties; and during such period as the court may direct, to appear and receive judgment when called upon, and in the meantime to keep the peace and be of good behavior; and the court may, if it thinks fit, direct that the offender shall pay the costs of the prosecution, or some portion of the same, within such period and in such instalments as may be directed by the court; and at any time within such period, but not afterwards, the court may, upon being satisfied by information on oath that the offender has Courts may release first offenders on probation.