

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person within Talbot County who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labor, or is not permanently supported by his or her friends or relatives, who lives idle, without employment; and every person who leads a dissolute or disorderly course of life, and cannot give an account of the means by which he procures a livelihood, and every fortune teller or common gambler shall be deemed a vagabond; and every person who habitually wanders about and begs in the streets of any town, or from house to house, or sits or stands or takes a position in any place or begs from passers by; either by words or gestures, shall be deemed a habitual beggar; and every person who wanders about and lodges in outhouses, market places, barracks, sheds, barns, or in any public building, or in the open air, and has no permanent place of abode, or visible means of maintenance, shall be deemed a vagrant.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every vagabond, habitual beggar and vagrant, upon conviction before the Circuit Court for Talbot County, or before any Justice of the Peace having criminal jurisdiction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to imprisonment in jail, or in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of not less than two months or more than six months for the first conviction; and not less than six months or more than twelve months for the second or any subsequent conviction; provided that any person found to be a vagabond or an habitual beggar who may not be able bodied, but aged or infirm or seriously crippled, may in the discretion of the Court or Justice of the Peace, be committed to the almshouse or be paroled; and provided also that any minor committed under this Act may be sent to any reformatory institution to which minors may be committed under Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, or paroled in the discretion of the Court or Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 388.

AN ACT to enable any stockholder of any corporation now or hereafter dissolved by judicial proceedings to plead all defenses, including limitations and laches, as effectually as they may be pleaded by such corporation, or by the receiver thereof.