

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, and the Legislature reserves to itself the right to alter or repeal this Act at pleasure.

In force.

May repeal.

Approved April 7, 1870.

CHAPTER 225.

AN ACT to repeal Sections nine hundred and twenty-two, nine hundred and twenty-four, nine hundred and twenty-six and nine hundred and twenty-seven, of Article four of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the city of Baltimore, and to re-enact the same with amendments, subject "Home of the Friendless."

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections nine hundred and twenty-two, nine hundred and twenty-four, nine hundred and twenty-six and nine hundred and twenty-seven, of Article four of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to the city of Baltimore, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Repealed and re-enacted.

922. The Justices of the Peace for Baltimore City, the Trustees of the Poor for said city, and the Ward Managers of the Poor in said city, may commit to the care and charge of the House of the Friendless, instead of sending to the Almshouse, all children, whether male or female, who are destitute or suffering for want of support, or who may be found begging about the streets of the city, or who are children of beggars.

Who may commit.

924. The Home of the Friendless, and the Managers thereof, may retain the said children under their care until they shall be eighteen years, or any shorter period, and may bind them out for a time not to exceed the age of eighteen years in the case of females, [and of twenty-one years in the case of females,] and of twenty-one years in the case of males, as apprentices to learn any trade or

May bind out children to learn trades.