

## CHAP. 169.

Passed Feb 11 1819  
Act repealed

\*Ch. 2:2

Act revived.

## CHAP. CLXIX.

*An Act relating to Vagrants in the City of Baltimore.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 382.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act, entitled, An act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven\*, be and the same is hereby repealed, annulled, and made void.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the act, entitled, An act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session eighteen hundred and four(a), be and the same is hereby revived and declared to be in full force and virtue in law, any thing in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

(a) Ch. 96 As this act had been altered and supplied by 1811, ch 212, it was not printed when the acts of 1804 were published, it is here inserted at length, viz.

*An Act relating to Vagrants in the City of Baltimore*

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for either of the justices of the criminal court of Baltimore county to issue a warrant, directed to any constable of Baltimore county, against any person or persons, on information founded upon the oath of any competent witness, that such person or persons in the said affidavit named is a vagrant, vagabond, disorderly per on or common prostitute, commanding said constable to bring the person or persons in said warrant mentioned before any justice of said court, and upon the appearance of said person or persons, he, she or they, shall enter into recognizance, with such security as the said justice shall approve, for his, her or their good behaviour for twelve months; and in case the said person or persons cannot find security as aforesaid within three days after his, her or their appearance before the justice as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the constable who served the said warrant to bring the party before any of the justices aforesaid, and upon his, her or their appearance, they shall enter into a recognizance as aforesaid for their appearance at the next criminal court of Baltimore county, and in case such person or persons cannot find security for their appearance as aforesaid within twenty four hours after his, her or their appearance last aforesaid before the justices aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said constable who served the said warrant to bring the party or parties before the justice aforesaid, who shall thereupon commit the said party or parties to the alms house of Baltimore county for any term not exceeding nine months; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to make the constable liable for accident or escapes.

2. **AND**, to ascertain what persons shall be deemed vagrants, vagabonds and disorderly persons, within the intention of this act, **BE IT ENACTED**, That every person who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labour, and lives idle, without employment, and every person who wanders about and begs in the streets from door to door, and any person who wanders about and lodges in out-houses, market places, or in the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he, she or they, procure a livelihood, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler or fortune-teller, or common gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond, prostitute or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That in case any person being convicted of being a vagrant, vagabond, common prostitute or disorderly person, within the provisions of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the court to sentence the person so convicted to hard labour in the alms-house for a space of time not less than one week, nor more than two months.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of April next, and shall continue for two years, and until the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen thereafter.

## CHAP. CLXX.

Passed Feb 9, 1819

*An Act to regulate the manner of granting Licenses to Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, and to prevent Persons from dealing with Free Negroes after sun-set, in Kent County.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 382.

Judges not to grant licenses to retail spirituous liquors without consent of 50 of the inhabitants, &c.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the twentieth day of March next, it shall not be lawful for the judges of Kent county court, nor any of them, to grant