

after commenced where the bastard child was born or begotten prior to the passage of this act, and the said article be and the same is hereby re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. *And be it enacted*, That any justice of the peace in any of the counties of the State or any justice of the peace in Baltimore City, having criminal jurisdiction, shall, upon written information given him under oath, of any woman being pregnant with or having been delivered of a bastard child, by his warrant, cause such woman to be brought before him, and shall cause said woman upon failure to disclose the father of said infant as prescribed by section 2 of this act, to give bond to the State of Maryland, with good and sufficient securities in the penalty of an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars, conditioned that she will indemnify the county or city, as the case may be, for any charge that may accrue for maintenance and support of said child and upon neglect or refusal to give such bond, the justice of the peace may commit her to jail or any other institution, for a term not exceeding one year, or until such bond be given, provided, however, that the justice of the peace may suspend sentence and parole the said woman for the term of two years.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any woman who has been delivered of or who is pregnant with a bastard child, shall in writing under oath, accuse any person before a justice of the peace, having criminal jurisdiction, of being the father of the said bastard child, such justice of the peace shall by his warrant cause such person to be brought before him, and if the said accused person is not to be found in the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, then said justice of the peace shall transmit a warrant to the sheriff of the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, in which said accused person is to be found, who shall cause the arrest of the said accused person and deliver him into custody of an officer of the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, from which the said warrant issued, to be taken before said justice of the peace.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That upon the appearance of said accused person, the justice of the peace shall pass an order requiring said accused person to give bond to the State of Maryland in a penalty not exceeding \$500, with good and sufficient securities, conditioned that he will appear at the next term of the Circuit Court of the county from which said warrant issued, or the Criminal Court of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, or to any later term of such Court, after the birth of