

ARTICLE XII.

BASTARDY AND FORNICATION.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warrant for mother; disclosure of father. 2. Warrant for father; arrest. 3. Bond for father's appearance. 4. Testimony of mother to be taken down; transmission to court; evidence. 5. Trial of father; bond; support of child; expenses of mother; funeral expenses of child. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Bond; failure to give; penalty. 7. Bonds; record thereof. 8. Modification of court's orders. 9. Writs to enforce bonds. 10. Death of father. 11. Limitations. 12. Discharge of surety. |
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1912, ch. 163.

1. 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 Article, 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.

See notes to this section (as it stood in 1911) in volume 1 of the Annotated Code.

1912, ch. 163.

2. 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

A "saving" clause is contained in section 13 of the act of 1912, chapter 163—see also section 1 of that act.

As to the penalty for bastardy, see art. 27, sec. 18.