

1912, ch. 731, sec. 12. 1916, ch. 222, sec. 12.

12. An employment certificate shall be issued in Baltimore City only by the chief of the Maryland Bureau of Statistics and Information, and in the counties by said chief or by the county superintendent of schools of the county in which said child resides, or by some person designated in writing by said superintendent. The employment certificate shall be issued only upon application in person of the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child desiring such employment, or if said child have no parent, guardian or legal custodian, then by next friend, but no certificate shall be issued by any person for any child then in, or about to enter such person's own employment, or the employment of a firm or corporation of which said person is a member, officer or employee. Employment certificates shall be of two classes: General employment certificates and vacation employment certificates. General employment certificates shall entitle the child to work during the entire year; vacation employment certificates shall entitle the child to work during the entire year excepting during such time as said child is required to attend public or private school under the provisions of the laws now in force, or hereafter to be enacted.

1912, ch. 731, sec. 13. 1916, ch. 701. 1916, ch. 222, sec. 13. 1918, ch. 495, sec. 13.

13. The person authorized to issue a general employment certificate shall not issue such certificate until he has received, examined, approved and made a record of the following papers, duly executed, viz:

(1) The school record of such child properly filled out and signed, as provided in this sub-title, which school record shall be furnished without charge to any child applying therefor by the superintendent or teacher in charge of the school or schools attended by said child.

(2) A certificate signed by a physician appointed by the officer authorized to issue such permit stating that such child has been examined by him and, in his opinion, has reached the normal physical development of a child of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically able to be employed in the occupation or process for which a permit is applied for.

(3) Evidence of age showing that the child is fourteen years old or upwards, which shall consist of one of the following proofs of age and shall be required in the order herein designated, as follows:

(a) A duly attested transcript of the birth certificate filed according to law with a register of vital statistics, or other officer charged with the duty of recording births, which certificate shall be *prima facie* evidence of the age of such child.

(b) A passport or a duly attested transcript of a certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and place of baptism of such child.

(c) A *bona fide* contemporary record of the date and place of the child's birth kept in the Bible in which the records of the births in the family of the child are preserved, a passport showing the age of the