

**Midwives.<sup>1</sup>**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 81. 1912, sec. 68. 1904, sec. 55. 1898, ch. 436, sec. 34F.

**81.** Every person not a legally qualified physician, practising as midwife or acting as attendant upon woman in childbed in this State, who shall find any lying-in woman to have fever shall forthwith notify the health officer of the district, and shall refrain from attendance upon any other parturient woman, or woman in childbed, until the local health officer shall give her written permission to resume such practice. Every midwife, obstetrical nurse or other person, not a legally qualified physician, attending for pay or hire, upon any lying-in woman, or woman in childbed, shall send his or her name and address to be registered in the office of the registrar of vital statistics for the city, town or county in which he or she resides. And every person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 82. 1924, ch. 294, sec. 69.

**82.** From and after the 1st day of July, 1924, it shall be unlawful for any person, not being licensed under the provisions of this sub-title, to use the name or title of midwife, either alone or in combination with any word or words, or any name, title or description implying that she is licensed under this sub-title, or is a person especially qualified to practice midwifery, or is recognized by law as a midwife.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 83. 1924, ch. 294, sec. 70.

**83.** From and after the 1st day of July, 1924, it shall be unlawful for any person, not being licensed to practice midwifery under the provisions of this sub-title, and not being a licensed practitioner of medicine, to attend women in childbirth, habitually or for hire, except under the personal direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner of medicine.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 84. 1924, ch. 294, sec. 71.

**84.** It shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this sub-title to employ or permit an unlicensed person to act as his or her substitute, and the license issued under this sub-title shall not confer upon any person any right to practice medicine, to prescribe or administer drugs, to undertake charge of abnormal cases of confinement, or of any disease in connection with parturition, or to assume any name, title or designation implying that such person is authorized by law to undertake charge of any of such cases or to practice medicine or to prescribe or administer drugs.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 85. 1924, ch. 294, sec. 72.

**85.** Any person who is licensed to practice midwifery on June 1, 1924, shall be entitled to a license under the provisions of this sub-title, upon the surrender of the certificate of licensure he or she now holds to the Chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.

<sup>1</sup> The law *re. midwives* was repealed and re-enacted (with the exception of sec. 81) by act 1924, ch. 294. *Keningham v. Blake*, 135 Md. 323, referred to sec. 69 of art. 43 of the An. Code, 1912—see notes to sec. 422.