

APPRENTICING, ETC., CHILDREN FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

175. Any person, whether as parent, relative, guardian, employer, or otherwise, having in his care, custody, or control, any child under the age of sixteen years, who shall sell, apprentice, give away, let out, or otherwise dispose of any such child to any person, under any name, title, or pretence whatever, and any person who shall take, receive, hire, employ, use, or have in custody, any such child for the vocation, use, occupation, calling, service, or purpose of singing, playing on musical instruments, rope-walking, dancing, begging, peddling, or any mendicant or wandering business whatsoever, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace, or other competent tribunal, shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or suffer imprisonment in a county jail for a period not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or both such fines and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

1876, c 392
Penalty for
apprenticing,
etc., children
under sixteen
years of age for
certain pur-
poses

176. If on any examination before any magistrate, it shall be proved that any child was engaged in any business or vocation designated, and in the manner mentioned in the preceding section, he shall be deemed a vagrant, and shall be committed to the custody of the poor or almshouse authorities, to be dealt with according to law.

Id s 2
Children so
engaged deemed
vagrants and
committed by
magistrate.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

177. Whoever shall overdrive, overload, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate, or kill, or cause, or procure to be so overdriven, overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated, or killed, any horse, ox, or other animal, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered on complaint by any member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or by any other person, before any justice of the peace in Baltimore city.

1878, c 367, s 1
Overdriving,
cruelly beating,
starving, etc.,
horses, oxen,
etc.

Penalty.

178. Every owner, driver, or possessor, or person having charge or custody of a maimed, disabled, or diseased horse, mule, or other animal, who shall cruelly work the same when unfit for work, or cruelly abandon the same, shall be punished in the same manner as provided in the preceding section.

Id s 2.
Owners, drivers,
or persons in
charge punish-
able

179. It shall be the duty of any magistrate in the city of Baltimore, or the judge of any court in the said city, before whom is brought for trial any person or persons charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this article, to admit the president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or the counsel of said society, to aid any State's attorney in the prosecution of such person or persons.

Id s 3.
Justices and
judges of courts
Society for Pre-
vention of
Cruelty to
Animals