

Vagrants and Tramps.

1876, ch. 392 1882, ch. 480

273. Any person having in his care, custody or control any child under the age of sixteen years, whether as parent, guardian, relative, employer or otherwise, who shall sell, apprentice, or give away, let out or otherwise dispose of any such child to any person under any name, title or pretence whatever, and any person, whether as parent, guardian, relative, employer or otherwise, 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, peddling, begging or any mendicant or wandering business whatsoever, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any competent tribunal, to which such person may be committed for trial, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or be imprisoned in a county jail for not less than thirty days or more than a year, or suffer both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the said tribunal; one-half of all fines so imposed to be paid to the informer.

Ibid.

274. If on examination before any court or justice of the peace it shall be proved that any child was engaged in any business or vocation, designated or mentioned in the preceding section, such child shall be deemed a vagrant and committed to any reformatory institution to which vagrant minors may be committed under the laws of this State.

1880, ch. 31. 1888, ch. 274.

275. Every person, not insane, who wanders about in this State and lodges in market-houses, market-places, or in other public buildings, or in barns, out-houses, barracks, sheds, or in the open air, without having any fixed place of residence, and without having any lawful occupation in the city, town or county in which he may so wander, and without having any visible means of support, shall be deemed to be a tramp and to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to imprisonment in the Maryland house of correction for a period not less than two