

Gypsies.

1904, ch. 485, sec. 1.

127. It shall not be lawful for any roving bands of nomads, commonly called gypsies, or any person or persons composing any such bands, who have no permanent place of abode in the State of Maryland, to pitch or settle its or their encampment or carry on its or their business or transaction or practice their craft within the limits of any county of this State unless they, or some one of them, shall first obtain from the clerk of the circuit court for any county of this State a license for such bands to pitch or settle its or their encampment or carry on its or their business or practice their craft in said county, for which shall be paid by the person applying for such license to the clerk of the said court the sum of fifty dollars, for the use of said county, and a further sum of fifty cents to the clerk for his fee for issuing the same, such license to be issued in the name of the band for which such license is obtained, and if the band for which such license is obtained has no name by which the same is generally known by its members, then the party applying for such license shall designate to the clerk what name he desires such band to be called in the license to be issued, and such license, when issued, shall not entitle such band named in such license, or any of its members, to return and pitch or settle its or their encampments or carry on their business or transactions or practise their craft after moving beyond the limits of said county.

Ibid. sec. 2.

128. Bands of roving nomads, commonly called gypsies, or any person or persons composing such band or bands, violating any of the provisions of section 127 of this sub-title shall, upon indictment and conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and may, in the discretion of the court, in addition, be confined in the Maryland house of correction for not less than three nor more than six months.

Ibid sec 3

129. Whenever any constable or the sheriff shall arrest any person or persons composing such band or bands, as aforesaid, he shall seize all the property in the possession of such band or any of its members, and hold the same until after the trial of the person or persons so arrested; and if at the trial