

Effective

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 19, 1880.

CHAPTER 64.

AN ACT to authorize the Nursery and Child's Hospital of Baltimore city to bind out and control the destitute children under its care.

Authorized
to receive.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Nursery and Child's Hospital of Baltimore city, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this State, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to receive into its care, custody and control, all such foundlings, orphans and other destitute children under the age of four years, as shall be committed by instrument of writing under the hand of the party so committing to its keeping, by the father, mother, guardian or others having the right of disposition, or by any orphans' court or justice of the peace of this State if of the class of children whom such court or justice could lawfully bind out as apprentices, which commitment to the said Nursery and Child's Hospital of Baltimore city such orphans' courts and justices of the peace are hereby empowered to make, and the said Nursery and Child's Hospital of Baltimore city is further authorized to retain under its care, charge and restraint, each of such foundlings and infant children so committed to its keeping until he or she shall have attained the full age of fourteen years, or for any shorter period, and at or before the said age to bind out any and every one of the said foundlings and infants for a term of time not exceeding the age of twenty-one years, if the child be a female, as an apprentice to learn any trade or business suitable to the sex of such child, or to learn to be useful in housewifery, or to place them out for adoption or as inmates with any families or persons,

Retain until
fourteen.