

General Laws, entitled "Apprentices," and all the provisions of the said article in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

Power of directors.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Directors of the said House of the Good Shepherd shall have [have] power to place all the females committed to their care at such employment, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suited to their years and capacities; and they shall have power to classify the inmates of the refuge conducted by them, and to make all such useful rules and regulations as in their experience they shall from time to time find necessary for the regulation and government of the same.

May receive on commitment.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power to receive within the refuge conducted by it, all such females as may be committed to it by the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, the Circuit Court of any county, or any justice of the peace in the State of Maryland under the provisions hereinafter contained, and the same to retain within the said refuge for their several terms of commitment; provided however, that the directors of the said corporation may at any time, prior to the expiration of her term of commitment, discharge and release any female so committed to their care, on being satisfied of her reformation.

Issue warrant

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the Judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, or any Judge of any Circuit Court for any county or the city of Baltimore, upon information that any female under the age of eighteen years in their several counties, or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, leads a disorderly and dissolute course of life, may, upon application of the parent, or next friend of such female, issue a warrant or order to be directed to the sheriff, or to any constable or police officer in such county or city, commanding him to bring the person against whom the information is so given before said court or said justice, on any day to be named therein, not more than one week from the date of the warrant, to answer to said charge; and