

(2) to give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty as the court may fix, with good and sufficient securities, conditioned on making the payments required by the Court's order, or any amendments thereof. Failure to give such bond shall be punished by commitment in the jail until said bond be given, but not exceeding one year.

97F. Instead of imposing the punishment for failure to give bond, the Court may, in its discretion and with due regard to the financial ability of the accused parent, release such parent from custody on probation for the period during which the accused shall be required to make payments, upon his entering into a recognizance in such sum as the Court shall direct, with or without securities. The condition of the recognizance shall be such that if the accused parent shall make his personal appearance at the Court whenever ordered to do so within the period during which he shall be required to make such payments, and shall further comply with the terms of the order, or of any subsequent modification thereof, then the recognizance shall be void, otherwise of full force and effect. If the Court be satisfied by information and due proof under oath that the accused has violated the terms of such order, it may forthwith proceed to impose sentence under the original conviction of failure to give bond. In the case of forfeiture of a recognizance and enforcement thereof by execution, the sum recovered may, in the discretion of the Court, be paid, in whole or in part, to the child or to the county or to the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, if the child be a public charge.

97G. Upon the death of the child or the parent, or upon the child securing other adequate means of support, or upon the parent becoming unable to earn or losing possession of means sufficient to provide support for the child, the parent and his sureties shall be released from the terms of any court order rendered and of any bond or recognizance given.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved March 15, 1947.

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CHAPTER 114.

(Senate Bill 205)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 573A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland