

AN ACT to protect Infants and Young Children from being received or boarded in improper homes in the city of Baltimore.

License to be secured.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no midwife, institution, corporation or home not duly incorporated for such a purpose shall receive infants or young children for the purpose of caring for them with a view to compensation without first securing a license from the board of health.

Application to be endorsed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That before the granting of such a license the board of health shall require each application to be endorsed by four reputable citizens, and that as far as possible thereafter a record shall be kept by the commissioner of health containing the full name and address of each infant or child received, the date of its birth, the date of its reception, and in case of a change in address the date and place of its removal.

Investigation to be made.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That before issuing said license the home or institution of each applicant shall be visited by an agent or inspector of the board of health and a full investigation made as to the sanitary conditions, accommodations, the ability and fitness of the applicant to take charge of such infant or child and such other information bearing on the subject as may be of value, and that the agent's report and recommendation may be a basis upon which the board of health may base its action for granting or rejecting the application for such license.

Guilty of misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any midwife or institution, corporation or person which shall receive or board an infant or small child under three years of age with a view to compensation, without first securing such license, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined \$25.00 and costs for each and every offense, one-half of the said fine to be paid to the informer, and upon failure to pay the fine imposed and the cost of the proceedings, the person or persons so convicted shall be committed by court or the justice who imposed such fine to the city jail for a period not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.