

guardian, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined ten dollars and costs for each and every offence.

882. Every person having the custody of any girl under the age of sixteen years and of any boy under the age of fourteen years shall restrain such child from habitually begging, whether actually begging or under the pretence of peddling. Any person offending under this section shall be considered and deemed as incapable of taking care of and providing for such child, and such child, by reason thereof, be deemed as coming within the conditions of the next succeeding section.

883. Any girl apparently under the age of sixteen years, and any boy apparently under the age of fourteen years, that comes within any of the following descriptions named: that is known to be habitually begging or receiving alms, whether actually begging or under the pretence of peddling or offering for sale anything, or being in any street, road or public place for the purpose of so begging, gathering or receiving alms; that is found wandering and not having any home or settled place of abode or proper guardianship or visible means of subsistence; that is found destitute, either being an orphan or having a vicious parent who is undergoing penal servitude or imprisonment; that frequents the company of reputed thieves or prostitutes, or houses of assignation or prostitution, or dance-houses, concert saloons, varieties, or places specified in section 881 hereof, without a parent or guardian, shall be arrested and brought before a Court or Justice of the Peace. When, upon examination before a Court or Justice of the Peace it shall appear that any such child has been engaged in any of the aforesaid acts, or comes within any of the aforesaid descriptions, such Court or Justice, when he shall deem expedient for the welfare of the child, shall commit such child to an orphan asylum, charitable or other institute, or make such other disposition thereof as now is or may hereafter be provided by law in case of vagrants, truant, disorderly, pauper or destitute children; provided, however, that none of the provisions of this