

pealed, except that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect any existing law, or any law hereafter to be passed, regulating the shooting of wild ducks on the Susquehannah flats.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1910.

CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT to authorize and regulate the bringing into Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, of worthy children, to be placed in homes therein, by indenture, adoption or otherwise, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful for actual residents of Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, to bring into said county from any part of said State, or from outside of said State, any child or children in order to place the same in homes therein, by indenture, adoption or otherwise; provided, that no vagrant, criminal, incorrigible, insane or helplessly crippled or diseased children shall be so brought; and provided further, that no child shall be placed in any home until the person so proposing to place such child in his or her home shall apply to the Orphans' Court for said county and obtain the written consent of said court so to do. And said person so applying shall under oath make a full statement of the facts relating to said child, and of the circumstances of the applicant, to said court upon its inquiry as to the same; and it shall be the duty of said court, before granting said consent, to make due inquiry as to said child and the circumstances and character of the person so applying.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to a relative going to any other State, or any other part of the State of Maryland, outside Cecil county aforesaid, and bringing a child into said county for the purpose of giving same child a home in his or her, or any other family; nor to the placing of children in any institution in said county.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That any legislation, either general or local, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, so far as Cecil county aforesaid is concerned.