

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

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CHAPTER 635.

(*Vetoed.*)

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CHAPTER 636.

(*Vetoed.*)

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CHAPTER 637.

AN ACT to add three new Sections to Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Crimes and Punishments," the same to be designated and numbered 78-A, 78-B and 78-C, and to follow 78 of said Article 27; the same being designed to make it a misdemeanor for any adult person of sufficient financial ability to neglect or refuse to support his or her destitute parent or parents; providing a penalty therefor; prescribing procedure in cases under the Act; and authorizing any County or municipality of the State of Maryland to recover from the children or child, of sufficient financial ability to pay therefor, the sum or sums expended by such County or municipality for the maintenance and support of any such destitute parent or parents of such children or child.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That three new Sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Crimes and Punishments," the same to be designated and numbered 78-A, 78-B and 78-C, and to follow 78 of said Article 27.

78-A. Any adult person, a resident of this State, having a parent or parents within this State, such parent or parents being destitute of means of subsistence and unable either by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support himself or herself, who is possessed of or able to earn means sufficient to provide such parent or parents with necessary shelter, food, care and clothing, and neglects or refuses so to do, shall, upon