

SEC. 868. The Criminal Court of Baltimore shall have concurrent original jurisdiction with the several station house justices to hear, try and sentence every person convicted of violating any of the provisions of the above sections 865 and 866.

SEC. 869. The said court or said justice before whom any person so charged may be brought, upon proof that such person has violated any of the provisions of the above Sections 865 or 866, shall in his discretion, fine such person not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars or sentence such person to be confined in jail or in the house of correction or in such other suitable place as may hereafter be provided by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for a period not exceeding one year; provided that any person found to be a pauper or an habitual beggar who may not be ablebodied, but aged, or seriously crippled or infirm may in the discretion of said court or justice be committed to the almshouse of said city; and provided further that any minor convicted under the provisions of the above Sections 865 or 866 may be sent to any reformatory institution to which minors may be committed under Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

SEC. 870. Whenever any workhouse or other place shall be provided by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to which persons convicted of violating any of the provisions of the above Sections 865 or 866 may be sent, the said court or justice may send them to such workhouse or other place if the said court or justice consider it a more suitable place for the purpose.

SEC. 871. The Supervisors of City Charities or the officers of places respectively to which persons convicted of violating any of the provisions of the above sections 865 or 866 may be sent shall keep them during the time for which they may be committed so that they cannot escape from said places.

SEC. 872. The said Supervisors of City Charities or other officers respectively shall put such of said persons so convicted as are able to work to the work which they are best able to do.

SEC. 873. The trustees of the almshouse or officers of the other places respectively to which persons convicted of violating any of the provisions of the above sections 865 or 866 may now or hereafter be sent shall have the right to make all proper rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid provisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after the first day of June, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.