

CHAPTER 674.

AN ACT fixing and defining the powers of the several Circuit Courts for the Counties of this State, and of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, with reference to persons responsible for or directly promoting or contributing to the conditions that render a child a minor without proper care or guardianship, and providing how such powers shall be executed, and conferring concurrent jurisdiction upon the Magistrate for Juvenile Cases in the City of Baltimore in such cases.

SECTION 1. Any parent, guardian or person having the custody, control or supervision of any child defined by the statutes of this State as a minor without proper care or guardianship, or any person who shall knowingly or wilfully encourage, aid, cause, abet, or connive at such state of absence of proper care or guardianship of a minor, or who shall knowingly or wilfully do any act or acts to directly produce, promote or contribute to the conditions which render such child a minor without proper care or guardianship, or who having the custody, control or supervision of such child, shall wilfully neglect to do that which will directly tend to prevent such a condition, or to remove the conditions that render such a child a minor without proper care or guardianship shall be proceeded against as provided herein.

SEC. 2. Any reputable person being a resident of the State of Maryland, having knowledge of a child in any County of said State or the City of Baltimore, who appears to be a minor without proper care or guardianship, and who is not an inmate of a State institution, or any institution, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland for the care and correction of children, or of any reform school or industrial school for juvenile offenders, and having knowledge of the person or persons responsible for or contributing to the condition of said child, may file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County, or of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, or with the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes in Baltimore City, a petition in writing, setting forth the facts verified by affidavit; or the judge of the Circuit Court for the County in which the child resides or of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City or the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes for Baltimore City, should the child reside in said City of Baltimore, on his personal knowledge, or on information given him may direct such petition to