

for the payment of any loans of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, and passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1927.

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#### CHAPTER 334.

AN ACT to punish and make it a misdemeanor for any person without just cause to abandon, desert and wilfully neglect to provide for his wife or minor child or children, or for any person charged by law with the care, custody or control of any minor child who abandons such child or neglects to provide support and maintenance therefor, in Allegany County; fixing the penalty therefor and the jurisdiction of the Court in reference to the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person in Allegany County, who shall without just cause desert or wilfully neglect to provide support and maintenance for his wife or minor child or children as the case may be, and any person charged by law with the care, custody, support or maintenance of any minor child or children, who abandons such minor or fails or refuses to provide support and maintenance for such minor, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Circuit Court for Allegany County or before the Justice of the Peace designated as Magistrate for Juvenile Cases for Allegany County, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars or confinement in the County Jail for Allegany County for not more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court; said fine when paid, may be directed by the Court to be paid to and for the use of the wife, minor child or children, either in whole or in part, in which said case payment shall be made through the Court in such installments as the Court may deem right and proper; provided, however,