

institution as soon after the birth of such child as the state of her health will permit. The expenses of such accomodation, maintenance and medical care shall be paid by said woman or her relatives or friends, or from any fund that would be available for the hospital expenses of such inmate within the institution, or if not otherwise available, shall be a charge upon the county, city or town from which such inmate was committed to such institution, and collectible by such officer in charge of such institution. A child so born may be returned with its mother to the institution in which the mother is confined, if the Board of Welfare, in its judgment, deems it will be for the best interest of the said child; but if the Board of Welfare, in its judgment, decides that it will not be for the best interest of the child to be returned to the institution with its mother, then, upon proof being furnished by the father or other relatives of their ability properly to care for and maintain such child, the said Board shall order that the child be given into the care and custody of the father or other relative, who shall thereafter care for and maintain the same at his or her own expense until the release of the mother of such child or until such child shall have been duly adopted as provided by law. If it shall appear that the father or other relative is unable properly to care for and maintain such child, the Board of Welfare shall place the child in the care of the officer exercising power of a Superintendent of the Poor of the county from which said inmate was committed as a proper charge upon such county, or in the care of any charitable organization willing to provide for the child; or in case the mother of the child was a resident of Baltimore City, then in that event, the child shall be placed in the care of the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society or the Saint Vincent's Infant Asylum.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1929.

Approved April 11, 1929.

CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 765 of Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1927 Edition), title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Matrons at the