

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 3, 5, 7 and 10 of Article 12 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition) and (1935 Supplement), title "Bastardy and Fornication", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, and that four new sections to be known as Sections 4A, 4B, 4C and 5A be and they are hereby added to said Article, and all to read as follows:

3. Upon the appearance of said accused person, the justice of the peace shall pass an order requiring said accused person to give bond to the State of Maryland in a penalty not exceeding \$500, with good and sufficient securities, conditioned that he will appear at the next term of the Circuit Court of the county from which said warrant issued, or the Criminal Court of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, or to any later term of such Court, after the birth of said child, in default of such security, said accused person shall be committed to the custody of the sheriff until such bond is given or until final judgment is rendered by said Court, in case the bond provided for by this section shall be forfeited, the Court may from time to time direct that the proceeds thereof be applied for the maintenance and support of said bastard child. Immediately upon passage of said order, said justice of the peace shall transmit the original papers and a transcript of the proceedings had before him to the Circuit Court of the County or the Criminal Court of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, and thereupon, but not before said woman shall have been delivered, the same proceedings shall be had as in other criminal cases.

4A. Whenever any woman, who has been delivered of or who is pregnant with a bastard child, shall, in writing under oath filed with a State's Attorney (the term State's Attorney as used in this Article includes Deputy State's Attorney or Assistant State's Attorney acting under authority given by the State's Attorney) accuse any person of being the father of said bastard child, the State's Attorney may require witnesses other than the person accused to appear before him for such examination of witnesses as may be deemed in the public interest. After such examination or inquiry the State's Attorney may file an information at any time after but not before the woman shall have been delivered of the child in the Circuit Court of the County or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, against the accused father charging him with the offense of bastardy.

Nothing in this section, however, shall prevent the State's Attorney, if he see fit, from submitting any such bastardy case to the grand jury at any time after but not before the