

of Wife or Child", making it unlawful to desert or abandon a child under twelve years of age.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 97 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

97. Any person having the care, custody or possession of any child under the age of twelve years, who shall desert or abandon such child with the intent that it shall become a public charge, or without making provision for its proper support and maintenance for a period of at least three years with some responsible person or institution duly authorized to take and care for infants, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or be imprisoned in jail or in the House of Correction for a period not exceeding one year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved February 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 115.

(House Bill 49)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 339 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Corporations", sub-title "Police", relative to administering the oath of office to Special Policemen.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 339 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Corporations", sub-title "Police", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

339. Every policeman so appointed shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before the Clerk of the Court of the county or the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, in which his commission may be received, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the fourth section of the first article of the constitution, which oath