

Who deemed paupers, &c. SEC. 2. And to ascertain what persons shall be deemed paupers or habitual beggars or vagrants or vagabonds or disorderly persons within the intention of this act; be it enacted, that every person who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labor, or is not permanently supported by his or her friends or relatives, and lives idle without employment, shall be deemed a pauper; and every person who habitually wanders about and begs in the streets or from house to house or sits, stands or takes a position in any place and begs from passers by, either by words or by gestures, shall be deemed an habitual beggar, and every person who wanders about and lodges in out-houses, market places, or other public buildings or places, or in the open air, and has no permanent place of abode, or visible means of maintenance shall be deemed a vagrant, and every person who leads a dissolute and disorderly course of life, and cannot give an account of the means by which he or she procures a livelihood, and every fortune teller or common gambler shall be deemed a vagabond or disorderly person.

Paupers to be sent to almshouse.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said court or said justice shall, upon proof that any person is a pauper, an habitual beggar, a vagrant, a vagabond or disorderly person as aforesaid, send such person to the almshouse for said city, or to such other suitable place as may be provided for such purpose by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

May be sent to house of refuge.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any house of refuge, house of correction, workhouse or other house, building or place shall be provided by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to which persons convicted under this act may be sent, the said court or said justice may send them to any such house, building or place, if the judge of said court or said justice, consider it to be a more suitable place for the purpose than the almshouse aforesaid.

Escape to be prevented.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of the almshouse aforesaid, and the officers of the other places to which persons convicted under this act may be sent, shall keep them during the time for which they are to be kept under this act, so that they cannot escape from said place.

Work.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees and other officers shall put such of said persons convicted under this act as are able to work, to the work which they are respectively best able to do.