

scribed limits to be fixed by regulation of the State Department of Public Welfare; and provided further, that financial inability of adoptive applicants to pay all or any part of such costs shall not be a disqualifying factor in determining whether the applicants are suitable parents for adoptive children.

It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney in each county and in Baltimore City to prosecute all violations of this section, and any agency, institution or individual convicted of violating this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars or to imprisonment not to exceed three months, or both, for each offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 623

(House Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 19, 20 and 30 of Article 88 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Child Care", relating to those persons and entities who may assist in the placement of children for adoption and the circumstances and manner of such placements, and correcting the penalty section to conform to the proposed changes AND SPECIFYING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION AND PLACEMENTS IN HARFORD AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES.

AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 20A TO ARTICLE 88A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1951 EDITION), TITLE "STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE", SUB-TITLE "CHILD CARE", SAID NEW SECTION TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 20 THEREOF, PROVIDING AS TO BALTIMORE CITY FOR THOSE PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO MAY ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND MANNER OF SUCH PLACEMENTS.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 19, 20 and 30 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Child Care", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT SECTION 20A BE AND IT IS

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.