

whole or in part to the person or institution having custody of the minor child or children.

96.

Any person having the care, custody or possession of any [minor] child UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, 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 or in the Maryland Reformatory for Women for a period not exceeding one year.

337.

Every person, his counsellors, aiders or abettors, who shall be convicted of the crime of kidnapping and forcibly or fraudulently carrying or causing to be carried out of or within this State any person, except in the case of a [minor] PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, by a parent thereof, with intent to have such person carried out of or within this State, or with the intent to have such person concealed within the State or without the State, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to death or to the penitentiary for not more than thirty years, in the discretion of the court.

399.

Every agent, officer or representative of any institution, society or body, incorporated under the laws of this State for the care, custody or protection of children or minors having in his possession, custody or personal charge, any [minor or] person under [twenty-one] EIGHTEEN years of age, for any purpose connected with the objects of such institution, society or body, shall be entitled to all the privileges and authority of a conservator of the peace; and any person, whether under the claim or color of authority over the person of such minor as parent, guardian or otherwise, or under any other color, pretense or claim, who shall in any manner interfere with or obstruct such agent, officer or representative in relation to his possession, custody or personal charge of such minor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and it shall be the duty of all officers of police, policemen, constables and officers and officials of every description having the authority to make arrests to enforce this section in every particular.

629.

When any infant under the age of fifteen years shall be convicted of any offense other than those mentioned in Sec. 630 of this article the court may suspend the sentence upon such convicted infant and bind him or her to some person residing in or out of this State, or may procure other employment for such infant in or out of this State, and shall have power to compel such infant to comply with the terms of its judgment; but such infant shall not be bound to service in the county or city where the conviction was had, nor for a term extending beyond the age of eighteen years [in females and twenty-one in males].

631.

Any court in this State having criminal jurisdiction may bind out to the managers of any house of refuge or other institution under police regulations within the limits of the State all infants over twelve and under the age of fifteen years, until they shall arrive at an age of [not less than] eighteen [nor more than