

every person who leads a dissolute or disorderly course of life, and cannot give an account of the means by which he or she procures a legitimate livelihood, and every nomad, gypsy, or other person practicing that which is commonly called fortune-telling by acts, signs or omens, for value or otherwise, or any common gambler shall be deemed a vagabond; and every person who habitually wanders about and begs in the limits of Wicomico or Somerset Counties from house to house, or sits or stands or takes a position in any place or begs from passers-by; either by words or gestures, shall be deemed a habitual beggar; and every person who wanders about and lodges in outhouses, market places, barracks, sheds, barns, or in any public building, or in the open air, and has no permanent place of abode, or visible means of maintenance, shall be deemed a vagrant.

1914, ch. 762, sec. 2.

404. Every vagabond, habitual beggar, vagrant or fortune-teller, mentioned in Section 403, of this subtitle, upon conviction before the Circuit Court for Wicomico or Somerset Counties, or before any Justice of the Peace having criminal jurisdiction, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of not less than two months, nor more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment, within the discretion of the Circuit Court or the Justice of the Peace; provided that any person found to be a vagabond or an habitual beggar who may not be able-bodied, but aged or infirm or seriously crippled, may in the discretion of the Court or Justice of the Peace, be committed to the almshouse, or be paroled; and provided also that any minor committed under this Act may be sent to any reformatory institution to which minors may be committed under Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland or paroled in the discretion of the Court or Justice of the Peace. Provided, however, that if any person when brought before any such Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the case shall, before trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial, or if the State's Attorney for the County shall before trial pray a jury trial on the part of the State, it shall be the duty of said Justice to commit such alleged offender for trial, or to hold him to bail to appear for trial in the Circuit Court of Wicomico or Somerset Counties at its then or next session and to return said commitment or recognizance with the names and residences of the witnesses for the prosecution endorsed thereon, forthwith to the Clerk of the said Court; and the Justice of the Peace before whom the accused is brought to trial shall prior to the beginning of the trial, inform him or her of his or her right to a jury trial.

WILD FOWL.

(All local laws relating to Wild Fowl were repealed by ch. 568, 1927. See 1929 Supplement to Annotated Code, Art. 99.)