

fied to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, and who shall have been engaged in active practice for at least five years, shall have signed a certificate setting out the reasons for such necessity, or unless a Court of competent jurisdiction shall have so ordered, or unless within the discretion of the Board of State Aid and Charities such separation is necessary, and said Board gives its written consent thereto.

Section 485. It shall be the duty of every person separating, or assisting or participating in separating, any such child from its mother, and of every person placing, receiving or retaining or assisting in placing, receiving or retaining any such child in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child, before so doing, to investigate whether the mother of such child be living and whether two physicians have signed the certificate above provided for or whether a Court of competent jurisdiction, or the Board of State Aid and Charities, has ordered such separation and the placing of the child in such foster home or institution.

Section 486. It shall be the duty of the person who shall receive any such child in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child to file forthwith the certificate above provided for with the Board of State Aid and Charities, and the duty of every person who shall retain, or assist or participate in retaining, any such child in a foster home or institution for the maintenance of such child, to ascertain whether said certificate has been so filed, and, if there be no such certificate, then to notify said Board forthwith of the facts concerning the separation of said child from its mother and the reception and retention of such child in said foster home or institution.

Section 487. Whenever it shall come to the notice of said Board that any such child has been separated from its mother or has been placed in an institution for the maintenance of such child, said Board shall cause an investigation to be made, and if it appear to the Board that this Act has been violated it shall make known the facts to the authorities charged with the enforcement of the criminal laws to the end that proceedings may be started for the punishment of the person or persons who may have violated the Act.

Section 488. Every person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act, and every physician who knowingly makes a false certificate as above provided for,