

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 91 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destitute Parent", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

91. Any adult person, a resident of this State, having a parent or parents within this State, such parent or parents being destitute of means of subsistence and unable either by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support himself or herself, who is possessed of or able to earn means sufficient to provide such parent or parents with necessary shelter, food, care and clothing, and neglects or refuses so to do, shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction in any Court of the State having original jurisdiction, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$500.00 or imprisonment in the Maryland House of Correction for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 92 and 93 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destitute Parent", be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That six new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Destitute Parent", said new sections to be known as Sections 92, 93, 93A to 93D, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 91 of said Article, as amended by this Act, and to read as follows:

92. Whenever any parent destitute of means of subsistence and unable either by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support himself or herself shall, in writing under oath filed with a State's Attorney (the term State's Attorney as used in this sub-title includes Deputy State's Attorney or Assistant State's Attorney acting under authority given by the State's Attorney) accuse his or her adult child of being possessed of or able to earn means sufficient to provide such parent with necessary shelter, food, care and clothing and has failed to do so, the State's Attorney may require witnesses other than the child accused to appear before him for such examination of witnesses as may be deemed in the public interest. After such examination or inquiry the State's Attorney may file an information in the Circuit Court of the county or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, against the accused child charging him with the offense of non-support.