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INFANTS PROTECTION ACT

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AN ACT relating to the protection of infants.

**Commencement**

[20th June 1889]

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the -

**INFANTS PROTECTION ACT.**

**Interpretation**

2. For the purposes of this Act the word "parent" includes the mother of a bastard child, and any person adjudged to be the putative father of a bastard child.

**Punishment for neglect of infant**

3. Any parent or person entrusted with the charge of a child who wilfully neglects to provide adequate food, clothing, medical aid or lodging for such child being in his custody under the age of fourteen years whereby the health of such child has been or is likely to be seriously injured is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for six months; but the Magistrate may suspend the sentence until further notice if the offender enter his own recognizances with or without one or more sureties as the Magistrate may think fit to come up for judgment when called upon; and any board, authority or person which the Minister may appoint for that purpose shall institute the prosecutions and pay the costs thereof out of the funds voted to such board, authority or person by Parliament.