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## CAP. XXXIV.

## An Act to make the Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act perpetual. [2d *June* 1865.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Provisions of "The Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act, 1864," should be made perpetual: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: 27 & 28 Vict. c. 116.

**1.** That the Provisions of the said Act shall be extended to the Expenditure for Relief of destitute Wayfarers, Wanderers, and Foundlings, or other destitute Persons, in the several Unions and Parishes referred to in the said Act, relieved and to be relieved from and after *Lady Day* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; and the Sixth Section of the said Act is hereby repealed. Provisions of recited Act extended to Relief after Lady Day 1865. Sect. 6. repealed.

**2.** The Poor Law Board shall from Time to Time cause the Wards and other Places of Reception provided according to the said Act to be inspected not less than once in every Four Months between the Hours of Six o'Clock in the Evening and Eight in the Morning in the Months between *October* and *March* inclusive, and between Poor Law Board to have Wards inspected, and may revoke and renew Certificate.

between the Hours of Eight o'Clock in the Evening and Eight in the Morning in the Months between *April* and *September* inclusive; and the Results of such Inspections shall be reported to the Poor Law Board, who may at any Time revoke and renew the Certificates granted or to be granted under the First Section of that Act.

Allowance may be made for providing Wards.

**3.** The said Board may allow for the Costs and Expenses referred to in the Fourth Section of that Act, when they shall see fit to do so, a Sum or several Sums in gross instead of a Sum in respect of each Pauper as therein provided.

Power to Police to provide for temporary Relief.

**4.** Any Constable of the Metropolitan Police or of the Police of the City of *London* may personally conduct any destitute Wayfarer, Wanderer, or Foundling, or other destitute Person, not having committed or being charged with any Offence punishable by Law, within the Knowledge of such Constable, to any Wards or other Places of Reception approved of by the Poor Law Board under the said Act or this Act; and every such Wayfarer, Wanderer, or Foundling shall, if there be Room in such Wards or other Places of Reception, be temporarily relieved therein.

Hours during which Wards shall be open for Admission.

**5.** The Wards or Places of Reception provided under the said Act shall be open for the Admission of destitute Wayfarers, Wanderers, and Foundlings, or other destitute Persons, who shall apply to be admitted during the Hours between Six o'Clock in the Evening and Eight in the Morning in the Months between *October* and *March* inclusive, and during the Hours between Eight o'Clock in the Evening and Eight o'Clock in the Morning in the Months between *April* and *September* inclusive, and the Guardians shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all Relief administered in conformity with the Provisions of that Act during those Hours respectively.

Short Title.

**6.** This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act, 1865."

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