

or knowingly frequents any gambling places, pool parlors or saloon, unaccompanied by parent or guardian, or is guilty of indecent, immoral or lascivious conduct; or who conducts himself in a manner injurious to the morals, health or general well-being of himself or others, or who is habitually absent from school contrary to the Public General Laws or Public Local Laws of Maryland.

(b) A neglected child is one who is abandoned; or who is without proper parental care or guardianship; or whose parent, guardian, or custodian neglects or refuses to provide necessary food, clothing, shelter, medical, surgical, or other care necessary for the health and well-being of the child; or who frequents any disreputable place or who associates with vagrant, vicious, or immoral persons; or who engages in an occupation dangerous to life and limb or injurious to his health, morals, or general welfare.

(c) A dependent child is one who is homeless or destitute; or is dependent upon the public for support, or who is feeble-minded or otherwise mentally deficient, or who habitually begs for alms; or who is without a parent, or guardian able to provide properly for his support, training and education.

1924, ch. 36, sec. 272C.

560. That at any time after the qualification of the Justice herein provided for any resident of Washington County or the agent of any society incorporated under the laws of this State for the care and protection of children, may file with the clerk to said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases a petition in writing and under oath, setting forth that a certain child or children, naming the same, if the name or names be known, and also naming the parent or parents of such child, if there be parent or parents known to the petitioner, or the name of the custodian of such child or children, if there be such custodian known to the petitioner, and the place or places of residence of such child or children, their parents or other custodian, where known to the petitioner, is or are delinquent, dependent or neglected, as defined in Section 559 of this subtitle, and that it is for the interest of such child or children, and the State of Maryland, that it or they be taken from its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, and placed under the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, together with such other pertinent facts, if any, as the petitioner may think proper to state. The clerk to said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases shall file and preserve such petition and all papers relating to such petition, and docket such case, wherein the petitioner shall be named as plaintiff, and the child or children, its or their parent or parents, guardian or custodian, when named, shall be made defendants in such case. The said clerk shall immediately upon the filing of the petition and making the proper docket entries, call the same to the attention of the said Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, and it shall be the duty of the said Magistrate to pass an order requiring the Sheriff of said county, or a policeman of the City of Hagerstown, or the probation officer hereinafter provided for, to serve