

Chapter 77.

AN ACT to define the powers of officers, agents and representatives of incorporated institutions or bodies for the care or protection of children or minors in relation to their custody, and to punish interference or obstruction in such cases.

What entitled to.

When guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every agent, officer or representative of any institution, society or body, incorporated under the laws of this state for the care, custody or protection of children or minors having in his possession, custody or personal charge, any minor or person under twenty-one years of age, for any purpose connected with the objects of such institution, society or body, shall be entitled to all the privileges and authority of a conservator of the peace; and any person, whether under the claim or color of authority over the person of such minor as parent, guardian or otherwise, or under any other color, pretense or claim, who shall in any manner interfere with or obstruct such agent, officer or representative in relation to his possession, custody or personal charge of such minor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and it shall be the duty of all officers of police, policemen, constables, and officers and officials of every description having the authority to make arrests, to enforce this act in every particular.

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