

“Habeas Corpus,” sub-title “Procedure in Relation to Minors,” as re-enacted by Act of 1904, Chapter 291.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18 of Article 42 of the Code of Public General Laws, title “Habeas Corpus,” sub-title “Procedure in Relation to Minors,” as re-enacted by Act of 1904, Chapter 291, is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

18. A minor (male or female) under the age of 18 years, may be committed to a juvenile institution for care and guardianship, if such minor be a minor without proper care and guardianship. A minor is deemed to be a “minor without proper care and guardianship” (1) if it is without a proper or permanent place of abode or is without proper care and guardianship; (2) or is neglected or ill-treated by its parent, guardian or custodian; (3) or such parent, guardian or custodian is unable or unwilling to care for or control such minor; (4) or such parent, guardian or custodian is morally depraved, dissipated, addicted to the use of intoxicating drinks or drugs, or is leading an immoral or disorderly life, and it appears that because of such conditions on the part of parent, guardian or custodian such minor is not receiving necessary or reasonable good care and training; (5) or a minor under or apparently under the age of 16 years who may be found habitually walking aimlessly along or being on any street or public highway at an unreasonable hour of the night or early morning, or who is found loitering around any theatre or other place of amusement at an unreasonable hour without good reason for doing so, or who may be seen around or found in, around or about questionable resorts or places of amusements, questionable hotels or furnished room houses or houses of ill fame and repute; (6) or if in the discretion of the officer or judge having jurisdiction in such cases it appears by reference to any criminal record or records of any arrests of such minor that such minor is developing such vicious and evil tendencies that there is apparent danger of such minor leading a life of crime and disorder and becoming morally depraved and degenerated, and that because of such conditions it appears to be for the welfare of such minor as well as for the peace and good order of society that it be committed; (7) or if it appears that such minor is of such character and surrounded by such conditions that he or she is likely to become or is in danger of becoming vicious, depraved or immoral. A court of record, a judge thereof or a justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction may commit such minors falling within this description to a juvenile institution incorporated under the laws of this State, to be kept until 21 years of age, unless sooner discharged by such institution or by due