

such dog or dogs, male or female, for the purposes of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

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#### CHAPTER 441.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 139 and 142 of the Act of 1906, Chapter 236 as codified in Bagby's Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, as Article 77, Sections 168 and 172 respectively, so as to increase the age of compulsory school attendance for deaf or blind children from sixteen to eighteen years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 139 and 142 of the Act of 1906, Chapter 236 as codified in Bagby's Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, as Article 77, Sections 168 and 172 respectively, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 168. Every deaf or blind child between six and eighteen years of age shall attend some school for the deaf or blind for eight months, or during the scholastic year, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during the said period, in studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school for the deaf or blind, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his or her control a child between six and eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section.

Section 172. The principal teacher of every public school in the counties and the truant officers of the City of Baltimore shall, within thirty days from the beginning of the school year succeeding March 31, 1906, furnish the Board of County