

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 367.

AN ACT to confer additional powers upon the Courts of the Third Judicial Circuit of Maryland, relating to children living in Harford County, who are now or may hereafter become dependent, neglected or delinquent, to define such terms, and to provide for the treatment, control, maintenance, protection, guardianship and care of the persons of such children.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That for the purposes of this Act, the words "dependent child" and "neglected child" shall be construed as meaning any male child living in Harford County, and being under the age of twenty years, or any female child living in said County, being under the age of eighteen years, who for any cause is destitute, homeless or abandoned, or dependent upon the public for support, or has not fit and proper parental care or guardianship, or who is feeble minded or otherwise mentally deficient, or who habitually begs for alms, or is found living with any vicious or depraved person, or has a home, which, by reason of neglect, cruelty or depravity on the part of its parent or parents, guardian or other persons having charge of it, is an unfit place for such a child.

The term "delinquent child" shall be construed as meaning any male or female child living in Harford County under the ages above specified, and who, while under such age, may violate any criminal law of the State, or is incorrigible, or knowingly associates with thieves, vicious and depraved persons, or is growing up in idleness or crime, or knowingly frequents any gambling places, policy shops or patronizes and frequents liquor or beer saloons unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, or is guilty of indecent, immoral and lascivious conduct.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all such children described in the foregoing Section, and residing in Harford County, are declared to be wards of the State, and the Judges of the Courts of the Third Judicial Circuit of Maryland, sitting as a Court of Equity, shall have full power to deal with such children when brought before such Court and full jurisdiction over