

and training for male offenders from sixteen (16) years to twenty-five (25) years of age, both inclusive. The courts of the State, instead of imposing sentences of fixed duration in other institutions upon such offenders, may, in their discretion, sentence them to said Reformatory for an indetermined period of time, which shall not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment provided by statute for the offense of which said person was convicted, and in the event no penalty is provided by statute for said offense, then the court shall prescribe the maximum term of imprisonment; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to any case in which the sentence is life imprisonment or to the service of time for non-payment of a fine, and provided further, that in those cases in which the Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, who is assigned to exercise jurisdiction in juvenile causes, shall waive jurisdiction and order a minor under the age of sixteen, *and the Judge of any Circuit Court in any County exercising jurisdiction in juvenile causes, shall waive jurisdiction and order a minor under the age of eighteen*, to be held for action under the regular procedure that would follow if such act or acts had been committed by an adult, then and in that event the Judge presiding in the Criminal Courts of Baltimore City *and the Judge of the Circuit Court of any County* may, upon assuming jurisdiction in such case, upon conviction commit such minor to the Maryland State Reformatory for Males under the terms of this **[Act]** *section* regardless of age.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.

Approved February 12, 1951.

CHAPTER 14

(House Bill 25)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 29, 30 and 31 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1947 Supplement), title "State Department of Public Welfare", sub-title "Pauper or Vagrant Children", said sections relating to the bringing of pauper or vagrant children into this State.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.