

142. Any person who shall wilfully obstruct or hinder the free passage of persons passing along or by any public street or highway in any city [or] , town *or county* of this State, or who shall wilfully disturb any neighborhood in such city [or] , town *or county* by loud and unseemly noises, or shall profanely curse and swear or use obscene language upon or near to any such street or highway within the hearing of persons passing by or along such highway, or shall wilfully hinder or obstruct the free passage of persons passing on or through or out of the station grounds of any railroad in the State, or who shall wilfully act in a disorderly manner within such station grounds by making such loud and unseemly noises, or by catching hold of and soliciting persons on said grounds against the will of such person, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to a fine of not less than One Dollar and not more than Twenty-five Dollars, and to the costs of the prosecution, and the several justices of the peace of this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the courts of this State having criminal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved April 11, 1955.

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CHAPTER 286

(Senate Bill 357)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 59 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", making additional provisions for the hearing of certain cases involving juveniles.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 59 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:*

59. All cases under this sub-title concerning children shall be heard separately from cases concerning adults [.] , *and shall MAY be heard in chambers where facilities are available.* Hearings shall be conducted in an informal manner and may be adjourned from time to time. *The hearings shall MAY be conducted out of the presence of all persons except those whose presence is adjudged to be necessary or desirable. to a proper consideration of the case, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any bona fide member of the press from being present at such hearings.* Stenographic notes or other transcript of the hearing shall not be required unless the Judge so orders.

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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.