

~~SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yeas and nays vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*~~

SEC. 2. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 1, 1957.*

Approved March 28, 1957.

CHAPTER 403

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 52 and 54 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", including persons over 18 years of age under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court for certain purposes and subject to certain offenses under said sections.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 52 and 54 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

52. Except as otherwise provided herein the Judge shall have (a) original, exclusive jurisdiction concerning any child who is dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded; (b) original jurisdiction to determine paternity of such a child in disputed cases; (c) original, exclusive jurisdiction to try, subject to the right of trial by jury unless waived, as hereinafter provided, any parent, guardian ~~or other adult or other person~~ OR ANY PERSON *over the age of 18 years* for any wilful act or omission contributing to, encouraging or tending to cause any condition bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the court. Nothing herein contained shall deprive other courts of the right to determine the custody of children upon writs of habeas corpus or to determine the custody or guardianship of children when such custody or guardianship is incidental to the determination of cases pending in such other courts.

54. Any adult *or other person over the age of 18 years* over whom the Judge may have jurisdiction under Section 52, if found guilty of any act or omission as therein defined, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon any such conviction, the Judge shall have power to

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.