

dents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located, or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the board, why the license should be issued, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. If no such finds are made by the board, then the application shall be approved and the said board shall issue [it] *its* certificate of approval for presentation to the clerk of the court of the county in which the place of business is to be located, or to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in Baltimore City, as the case may be, and the said clerk shall issue the license applied for upon presentation of said certificate, and the payment of the fee required, except that, in Prince George's County, such certificate of approval shall not be presented to nor payment made to the clerk of the court, rather, if no such findings are made by the board, then the application shall be approved and the said board shall issue the license applied for, after payment of the required fee to the treasurer of Prince George's County, provided that said board shall maintain a record of licenses issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved March 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 38

(Senate Bill 54)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11A(d) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Assault on Child," correcting an error in the laws concerning the malicious treatment of children.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 11A(d) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Assault on Child," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

11A.

(d) Each such report made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be made to the agencies as provided for hereinafter, both orally and in written form; both the reports to be made as soon as is reasonably possible in the circumstances, but, in any case, the written report must be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the contact, examination, attention or treatment which disclosed the existence of possible malicious treatment or beating. The oral report shall be made either by telephone or direct communication to the local department of welfare, provided, however, that such report shall not be necessary if it is the local department of welfare which discovers the condition and provided, further, that if the person making the report believes or has reason to believe that immediate