

as a member of a volunteer ambulance and rescue squad in order to be eligible for the exemption from liability for damages as provided in this section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 149A(b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

149A.

(b) The members or employees of Fire Departments or ambulance and rescue squads shall not be liable for damages as provided in subsection (a) except for gross negligence, and shall have the defense provided therein, except for gross negligence. In order to be eligible for the exemption from liability provided in this section, a person must have completed a basic and an advanced Red Cross or equivalent course of instruction in first aid, and must be [on active duty as] a member of an ambulance and rescue squad or Fire Department which (1) is a bona fide and permanent organization, and (2) is organized and operated as a nonprofit group.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 21, 1970.

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## CHAPTER 730

(House Bill 940)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 70-1 and 70-2(a) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," changing, for Baltimore City, the effective date when a child shall be tried by the circuit court sitting for juvenile causes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 70-1 and Section 70-2(a) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Juvenile Causes," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

70-1. Definitions.

As used in this subtitle, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and phrases in this section have the meanings listed.

(a) "County" means each county in the State and the City of Baltimore.

(b) "Minor" means a person who has not reached his 21st birthday.