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*It shall be unlawful for any adult willfully to contribute to, encourage, or tend to cause by any act or omission any condition which would bring a child within the provisions of this subtitle. Any adult over whom the judge may have jurisdiction under this subtitle for any willful act, or omission contributing to, encouraging or tending to cause any condition bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the court, if found guilty of any act or omission as therein defined, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon any such conviction, the judge shall have power to impose sentence as aforesaid, or may suspend sentence and place such adult on probation and by order impose upon such adult during such period of probation such duty as shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the child or other persons concerned. The judge may, however, in his discretion waive jurisdiction, and refer the case to the State's attorney for appropriate action.*

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

Approved April 1, 1970

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CHAPTER 46  
(House Bill 327)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments Section 23 of Article 44A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Housing Authorities," subtitle "In General" to provide that in Montgomery County the county executive shall appoint and remove commissioners of the Housing Authority with the approval of the County Council.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 23 of Article 44A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965), title "Housing Authorities," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

23.

At least once a year, an authority shall file with the clerk a report of its activities for the preceding year, and shall make recommendations with reference to such additional legislation or other action as it deems necessary in order to carry out the purpose of this Article.

In each county of the State there is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the housing authority of the county; provided, however, that said housing authority shall not transact or exercise its powers hereunder until or unless the Board of County Commissioners shall declare at any time hereafter that there is need for a housing authority to function in such county,