

CHAPTER 707

(House Bill 562)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 33(b) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," providing that the Court shall allow a surety a certain period of time to produce the defendant before requiring forfeiture of bond or collateral.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 33(b) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Courts," subtitle "Circuit Courts for the Counties—Court Stenographers," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

33.

(b) In all cases the court shall have the discretionary power to strike out the forfeiture of bond or collateral where the defendant can show reasonable grounds for his non-appearance *and shall allow a surety 90 days, from the date of failure to appear, to produce the defendant in court before requiring forfeiture of bond or collateral.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.

CHAPTER 708

(House Bill 566)

AN ACT to add new sub-section (g) to Section 66 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Infants," to follow immediately after sub-section (f) thereof, to allow a child sixteen years of age or older, and whose custody is subject to court order, to petition the court and effect a change in parental custody according to the child's designation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new sub-section (g) be and it is hereby added to Section 66 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Infants," to follow immediately after sub-section (f) thereof, and to read as follows:

66.

(g) *Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection ARTICLE, when any child, sixteen years of age or older and subject to a court custody decree or order, petitions the court to amend the custody decree or order, the court will amend the custody decree or*