

HYGIENE, THE ELECTION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT SUCCEEDING CALENDAR YEAR. ANY ELECTION SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL MODIFIED BY THE LEGALLY LIABLE PERSON AND ANY MODIFICATION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR NEXT SUCCEEDING THE YEAR DURING WHICH IT IS MADE. IF A LEGALLY LIABLE PERSON FAILS TO ELECT WITHIN THE TIME LIMITED, THE SECRETARY SHALL DETERMINE WHICH SCHEDULE IS TO APPLY.

(E) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION BOTH PARENTS OF A PATIENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SINGLE LEGALLY LIABLE RELATIVE. LIABILITY OF LEGALLY LIABLE RELATIVES, AS SUCH, FOR THE SUPPORT OF A PATIENT IN A STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR THE RETARDED SHALL CEASE WHEN THE PATIENT HAS REACHED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE OR WHEN SUPPORT HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR A PERIOD OR PERIODS AMOUNTING TO SIXTEEN YEARS, WHICHEVER OCCURS SOONER.

SECTION 112.11 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 656

(Senate Bill 160)

AN ACT to add new subsection (f-1) to Section 35A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Child Abuse," to follow immediately after subsection (f) thereof, to empower the local department of social services ~~[[caseworker]]~~ representative to enter the home in certain reported child abuse cases, and to provide that the child may be removed temporarily from the home without court approval in certain cases, and mandating a physical examination of a child so removed, and providing for the inclusion of the results of the examination in the department's report to the local State's attorney.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new subsection (f-1) be and it is hereby added to Section 35A of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Child Abuse," to follow immediately after subsection (f) thereof, and to read as follows:

(F-1).

IF, IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E), ~~[[THE CASEWORKER]]~~ A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT ~~[[DETERMINES]]~~ HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILD OR CHILDREN ~~[[MAY BE]]~~ IS OR ARE IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL ~~[[OR EMOTIONAL]]~~ DANGER AND THAT AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS, THE ~~[[CASEWORKER]]~~ REPRESENTATIVE MAY ENTER THE HOUSEHOLD,