Veterans of the United States armed forces who served overseas are likely to acquire diseases that are associated with the areas in which the veteran served; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

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THE-DEPARTMENT-SHALL:

- (1)--COMPILE--INFORMATION--FROM-MEDICAL-RECORDS-OF-THE UNITED-STATES-ARMED-FORCES-CONCERNING-A-VETERAN'S-IDENTITY,-PLACE OR-PLACES-OF-SERVICE-WHILE-IN-THE-ARMED-FORCES,-AND--PHYSICAL--OR MENTAL--PROBLEMS--AND--THE--CAUSES--OF-THE--DETERIORATION-OF-THE VETERAN'S-PHYSICAL-OR-MENTAL-HEALTH;-AND
- (2)--INCLUDE-THIS-INFORMATION-ON-THE--RECORDS--OF--ANY
 HOSPITAL--OR--CLINICAL--OR--OTHER--MEDICAL--INSTITUTION-WHERE-THE
 VETERAN-IS-RECEIVING-MEDICAL-TREATMENT-OR-THERAPY-

ON ADMISSION OF A PATIENT, A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT CLINIC SHALL RECORD ON THE MEDICAL RECORD WHETHER THE PATIENT IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES-AND-WHERE-AND-WHEN-THE-PATIENT-SERVED-IN-THE-UNITED STATES-ARMED-FORCES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

CHAPTER 446

(House Bill 826)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Venue

FOR the purpose of requiring a petition in a juvenile cause to-be filed--in-the-political-subdivision-where-the-child-resides, subject-to-certain-exceptions, which alleges that a child is in need of assistance or in need of supervision, to be filed in the county where the child resides.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,