CHAPTER 27

(Senate Bill 356)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Juvenile Causes - Masters

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of the judges of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County to appoint, or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes by permitting those judges to appoint masters to conduct disposition hearings in child in need of assistance cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 3-813(a)(2) Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-813.

(a) (2) In Prince George's County, the judges of the Circuit Court may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, and restitution hearings in delinquency cases, and shelter care [and], adjudicatory, AND DISPOSITION hearings in child in need of assistance cases. A master may not conduct adjudicatory or disposition hearings in delinquency cases.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 8, 1986.