

relating-to-juvenile-masters hearings juvenile masters in Prince George's County are authorized to conduct to include 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]-~~ THE judges of ~~-[the Circuit Court]-~~ A ~~--SUPERIOR--~~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.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 777.

This bill prohibits a judge from instructing a jury that a "life" sentence is for the natural life of the defendant.

Senate Bill 312, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 777.