

personal passenger vehicles in this State if the vehicles are registered in the state of his residence.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

CHAPTER 635

(Senate Bill 708)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect

FOR the purpose of consolidating certain child abuse and child neglect provisions into one subtitle in the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing that all suspected acts of child abuse or neglect be reported to a local department of social services or, as appropriate, law enforcement agency; providing a certain exception; providing a method for the reporting of all suspected acts of child abuse or neglect; providing that all suspected acts of child abuse or neglect be investigated by a local department of social services or, in certain circumstances, law enforcement agency; providing that certain investigatory procedures be developed; requiring the Social Services Administration to develop procedures for protecting the confidentiality of child abuse or neglect records and reports and for protecting certain rights of persons suspected of child abuse and neglect; requiring a local department of social services to expunge a report of suspected abuse or neglect under certain circumstances; providing that a person who in good faith takes certain actions is immune from any resulting civil liability or criminal penalty; allowing a child to be removed from a household without prior court authorization under certain circumstances; providing that appropriate services be provided to the child who is abused or neglected; providing that the local department of social services shall have access to a child's medical records under certain circumstances; providing a procedure for the medical examination and treatment of a child under certain circumstances; providing for the supervision and monitoring of the household under certain circumstances; providing for a central registry of cases reported; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to child-abuse and neglect laws in this State.