or has practiced fraud in connection with the application, or that the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located, or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the Board, why the license should not be issued, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. If no such findings are made by the Board, then the application shall be approved and the Board shall issue its certificate of approval for presentation to the clerk of the court of the county in which the place of business is to be located. The clerk shall issue the license applied for upon presentation of the certificate, and the payment of the fee required. In Caroline and Carroll Counties, if the Board approves the application, the Board shall issue the license upon payment to the Board of the fee required. For purposes of this article, in Caroline and Carroll Counties the term "clerk" shall be deemed to mean "Board of License Commissioners". In Prince George's County, the certificate of approval may not be presented to nor payment made to the clerk of the court. If no such findings are made by the Board, then the application shall be approved and the Board shall issue the license applied for, after payment of the required fee to the Treasurer of Prince George's County, and the Board shall maintain a record of licenses issued. In Howard County, if the Board of License Commissioners approves the application, the Board shall issue the license after payment of the required fee to the Director of Finance of Howard County. In addition, in Baltimore City, a license may not be issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court unless and until there is presented to him a certificate, issued by the Bureau of Assessments, showing that there are no unpaid taxes on the merchandise, fixtures and stock of the applicant due to the City of Baltimore or the State of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 1993.

Approved May 11, 1993.

CHAPTER 318

(House Bill 617)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect - Adult Protective Services - Maintenance of Records

FOR the purpose of providing certain procedures for the amendment or expungement of certain records and reports of child abuse and neglect; providing certain notices, procedures, and hearings for the maintenance, amendment, and expungement of records and reports concerning certain adult protective services; altering a certain time period for responding to a certain notice of intent to maintain a record; providing a certain time period before the entry of a name in a central registry following a request for amendment or expungement; eliminating the requirement for a request for expungement before a record is expunged and altering the time period for expungement of certain child abuse and neglect records in a central registry; defining a certain term; requiring the local Department of Social Services