

The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, in subsection (b) of this section, the former references to a "passport" and "Maryland driver's license" are omitted in light of the reference to an "official government document that attests to the age of the minor". The former reference to a "Maryland" driver's license seemed to be illustrative of the type of document that attests to age, rather than a limitation on the type of driver's license that is acceptable. This omission reflects the standard rules of statutory construction, since the reference to an "official government document" first was enacted by Ch. 379, Acts of 1977, as part of a comprehensive recodification of the child labor laws, while the former reference to a "Maryland driver's license" was enacted by Ch. 76, Acts of 1973.

The Committee also notes that, in addition to age documentation, an application for either a work permit or a special permit requires a description of the duties that the minor will perform and the signatures of the parent and employer and, for a work permit, the signature of the minor. Although the law currently does not require an application to contain this description or the signature of a minor, all are necessary to administer this subtitle.

As to subsection (a) of this section, it does not limit the Commissioner in choosing individuals who may issue work permits. See § 3-104 of this title. Thus, for example, an issuing officer from a nonpublic school may be a designee either of the Commissioner or of a county superintendent of schools.

As to the second sentence of former Art. 100, § 8(b), which required a county superintendent to provide clerical assistance for the issuance of work permits, see ED § 4-205(m).

Defined terms: "Commissioner" § 3-101
 "County" § 1-101 "Employ" § 3-101
 "Minor" § 3-201

3-207. SPECIAL PERMITS.

(A) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE.

SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A MINOR OF ANY AGE TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN ENTERTAINER, MODEL, OR PERFORMER.

(B) APPLICATION.

AN APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER A COMPLETED APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE COMMISSIONER PROVIDES.

(C) ISSUANCE.

THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL PERMIT IF, AFTER INVESTIGATION, THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED THAT: