shall be uniform and shall be distributed by him to any county which requests them.

The Commissioner, when he approves plans which will necessitate State financial assistance, shall enter into a written agreement with the county or counties involved setting forth the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of all parties. The agreement may provide for the housing and rehabilitation in a Regional Detention Center of prisoners sentenced to State institutions upon conditions agreed on by all parties. No contract shall be approved by the Commissioner unless it provides for an annual review of the facilities and all rehabilitation and training programs of the institution by the Department of Correction and allows the Commissioner to propose any changes deemed necessary to adequately carry out the programs of rehabilitation and maintain them at a satisfactory level of performance.

F. Sentencing to a Regional Detention Center

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Annotated Code of Maryland a Judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, the Circuit Court of any County, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, the Peoples Court of any County or any Magistrate, may sentence a convicted offender to a Regional Detention Center; provided the sentence imposed is for a period of not more than 18 months; and provided further that the Court imposing the sentence be located within a jurisdiction which is a party to the operation and maintenance of the facility to which the person is sentenced.

The Sheriff or police personnel of any county shall be empowered to deliver and surrender custody of any prisoner within their charge to a regional detention center when directed to do so by any court of competent jurisdiction.

G. Board of Public Works

All agreements, contracts and other instruments approved by the Commissioner shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works before final execution.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 482

(Senate Bill 435)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 47 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "3. Insurers: Authorization and General Requirements," providing for the minimum capital and surplus of existing domestic insurers, providing special capital and surplus requirements for such insurers to continue in business; providing requirements for doing business on