

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY

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The Maryland Penitentiary, authorized by Resolution No. 32, Acts of 1804, and opened in 1811, was the second institution of its type established in the United States. It is a maximum security prison for the confinement of long-term male convicts. Sentences of death for capital crimes are carried out by lethal gas at this institution.

An accredited 60-bed hospital is operated at the Maryland Penitentiary. This hospital provides medical care and treatment for inmates in the entire Correction Department.

By Chapter 695, Acts of 1967, the Maryland Penitentiary on June 1, 1967 established the Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center which is responsible for the reception and classification of inmates for assignments to other institutions within the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, sec. 689g, and secs. 690-702).

State Use Industries activities conducted at the Penitentiary include the operation of printing departments.

The average population for fiscal year 1971 was 796.

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$5,085,345	\$5,728,569
Special Funds	234,412	53,000
Totals	\$5,319,757	\$5,781,569
Staff: 1971, 459; 1972, 455 (General Funds Budget).		
1971, 34; 1972, 35 (State Use Industries Funds).		

RECEPTION CENTER

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Chapter 695, Acts of 1967 provided that all criminals sentenced after June 1, 1967 be committed to the Division of Correction (then the Department of Correctional Services) and authorized the Department to establish Receiving and Classification Centers for prisoners.

On June 1, 1967, the Department established a Reception Center at the Maryland Penitentiary for male inmates. After diagnostic evaluation and classification, the inmate is then assigned to one of the institutions of the Division of Correction (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, secs. 689 (g)-690, 691-700 (a)).

The Reception Center is located within the Maryland Penitentiary and operates under the same budgetary appropriation.

MARYLAND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

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The Maryland House of Correction, established by Chapter 233, Acts of 1874, is a medium security institution for male offenders serving sentences of three months or longer. The institution is located on 816.5 acres of land in both Anne Arundel and Howard counties.

State Use Industries located at the Maryland House of Correction include shops which produce paint, wooden furniture, wooden furniture refinishing, knitwear, sewing operations, auto tag and metal sign shop, and a mattress shop.