

ment shall forthwith be taken to a Department station located in the same county as the jail to which he was sentenced and he shall be confined to the premises of the station until such time as he may be returned to the county jail. It shall be the duty of the Department to provide for the guarding, transportation, lodging, feeding, clothing and medical care of all persons so held by it. While in the custody of the Department, such persons shall be employed, without compensation, in performing such services in and about the station as the Superintendent may prescribe, including cleaning, cooking and repair and maintenance work; provided, however, that no services shall be required or permitted by the Department to be performed for the benefit of any private person or persons but the same shall be performed only with respect to property used, or persons engaged, in the lawful activities of the Department.

In the event no lodging facilities are available for any person so transferred to the custody of the Department, he shall be returned to the county jail for lodging overnight. In any event, the Department may return any person to the county jail at any time and it shall always return any such person not later than the day preceding that on which his sentence terminates. It shall be the duty of the wardens or other persons in charge of the county jails to transfer to the custody of the Department any prisoners designated by the sheriffs of the respective counties pursuant to this section and to accept custody of prisoners returned by the Department at any time. Any prisoner escaping or attempting to escape from the custody of the Department shall be subject to the same penalties which may be by law provided for prisoners escaping or attempting to escape from the county jail to which he had been sentenced.

None of the provisions of this section shall apply to persons sentenced to the Baltimore City Jail.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 507.

(Senate Bill 306)

AN ACT to exempt the railroad property of the Washington, Brandywine and Point Look Out Railroad Company, or so much thereof as may be used for railroad purposes