

misconduct. Violations of the terms of conditional release shall be handled as provided by law.

"Farm labor," as used in this Act shall mean the work of rendering any agricultural service, including the cultivating, threshing or harvesting of crops and the production or processing of any agricultural, horticultural, vegetable or fruit product of the soil, livestock, meats, marine food products, tobacco, poultry, eggs, dairy products, wool, nuts, honey and every product of farm, forest, garden, orchard or water, and any such services as are generally regarded as incidental to and connected with farms, dairies, food processing, canning and the seafood industry.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 1 of this Act shall be deemed an exercise of the police powers of the State for the safety and well-being of its people during the effective period of this Act and all its provisions shall be liberally construed for the attainment of those ends, it being intended that the powers herein conferred shall be in furtherance and not in limitation of the power and authority vested in the Governor and the Director of Parole and Probation under the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, upon notification by the Governor that sufficient labor is not available to plant, cultivate or harvest any of the agricultural crops produced on farms in Maryland, the Board of Correction shall have the authority and power, in its discretion, and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, to place prisoners at labor upon farms in the State, and persons who employ such prisoners from the Board of Correction shall be required to pay a reasonable value of such labor at the estimated average in the community where the prisoners are so employed and to give such security therefor as the Board may, in its discretion, determine and require. Such prisoners shall be placed at work in groups under the control of armed guards, and said Board shall have the authority to employ such personnel and guards and establish such camps as may be necessary to make effective the provisions of this section. Such guards and other personnel shall be employed under the Merit System, and the State Employment Commissioner shall have the authority to waive any of the provisions of Article 64A or of his rules and regulations as to age and physical disabilities if deemed necessary or desirable under the circumstances to accomplish the purpose of this Act. The Board of Correction shall provide transportation, maintenance and care of such prisoners as may be placed at work on farms under the provisions of this sec-