

respective counties; and Police Magistrates selected to sit at the respective station houses in the City of Baltimore shall have concurrent jurisdiction over such offense with the Criminal Court of Baltimore City.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved March 18, 1943.

CHAPTER 150.

(Senate Bill 224)

AN ACT to provide for the conditional release from certain penal institutions by the Governor of Maryland of prisoners, who may be found to possess the necessary qualifications, in order to meet shortages of labor affecting any agency, commission, department, institution or other employing authority of the State or of any political sub-division thereof because of the present war between the United States of America and Germany, Japan and Italy, and to prescribe the method and extent of making such releases and employing such prisoners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That, whenever the appointing authority of any agency, commission, department, institution or other employing authority of the State of Maryland, or of the City of Baltimore, shall make requisition upon the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration, or of the City Service Commission, as the case may be, for the certification of persons eligible to fill a vacancy in any position in the classified or unclassified service and said Commissioner, or said City Service Commission, is unable, upon the receipt of such requisition to make such certification because of a shortage of available manpower during the present emergency, said appointing authority shall be authorized to advise the Director of Parole and Probation of the vacancy so existing and to request him to determine if, among the inmates of any penal institutions of the State, there may be found persons who are otherwise qualified for conditional release and are capable of filling such vacancy, provided, however, that in the case of any such applications preference shall be given by the Director of Parole and Probation to applications made by hospitals.