

other county or counties in which similar camps are now or may hereafter be established, in the harvesting and gathering of any agricultural crops in any county of this State between August 1st and December 31st each year, except, however, any such prisons being utilized or needed by the State Roads Commission for emergency road maintenance work in any county of this State. Persons who employ such prisoners from the Board of Correction shall be required to pay the reasonable value of such labor at the estimated prevailing wage scale for such work 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. Persons employing such prison labor shall be authorized to sell the produce harvested by such labor notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by Section 762 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code. Prisoners so employed in the harvesting of crops shall be under the control and supervision of the Board of Correction to the same extent as when employed on the construction and maintenance of roads.

It is declared to be the policy of the State that, because of the enforced idleness of prisoners in the several penal institutions of the State, it is necessary and desirable that useful work on State projects may be found for said prisoners who may be safely used for this work shall be put upon maintenance and reconstruction of the State roads.

All prisoners placed at work on farms under the provisions of this section shall remain under the control and custody of the officers of the institution from which they are assigned and shall remain subject to all of the laws, including the law as to escaping from prison, rules and regulations applicable to prisoners confined in said institution.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.*

Approved March 29, 1945.

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CHAPTER 409.

(Senate Bill 382)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 11 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Banks and Trust Companies," sub-title "Credit Unions," to be known as Section 152, providing for loans to members on first mortgage lien security, under certain limitations.