

authorizing the Board of Correction to employ the necessary personnel to maintain and operate said institution and to recommend to the Director of Parole and Probation paroles for persons serving indeterminate sentences in said Reformatory, such paroled persons to be under the supervision and control of the Director of Parole and Probation; providing that no person shall be sentenced to said Reformatory for less than three (3) months, authorizing the commitment or transfer to said Reformatory of female offenders sentenced to death for detention until not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the execution of said sentence; providing for the severability of the various provisions of this Act, and repealing all other laws inconsistent herewith to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 761A, 761B, 761C, 761D, 761E and 761F of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Department of Correction", be and the same are hereby repealed, and that five new sections be and the same are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 761A, 761B, 761C, 761D, and 761E, to following immediately after Section 761 of said Article, said new sections to read as follows:

761A. The institution established under the provisions of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1941, known as the "Women's Prison of the State of Maryland" shall hereafter be known as the "Maryland State Reformatory for Women", and shall be the place of confinement for all female offenders who may be sentenced to imprisonment in any institution other than a jail. The courts of this State, instead of imposing sentences of fixed duration upon female offenders, may, in their discretion, sentence them to said Reformatory for an indeterminate period of time, which shall not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment provided by statute for the offense of which said person was convicted, and in the event no penalty is provided by statute for said offense, then the court shall prescribe the maximum term of imprisonment; provided, however, that nothing herein contained relating to the imposition of indeterminate sentences shall apply to any case in which the sentence imposed is life imprisonment.

All Justices of the Peace who shall sentence any female offender to confinement in any institution other than a jail, shall sentence such offender to the Maryland State Reformatory for Women for an indeterminate period of time not to exceed the maximum term of imprisonment, which said Justice of the Peace is authorized by statute to impose.