

Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," sub-title "Circuit Court," to be under the sub-heading "Probation Department," said new section to be known as Section 187A and to follow immediately after Section 187 of said Article, authorizing the appointment of a parole officer for Harford County and relating to his duties and compensation and conferring certain powers upon the Trial Magistrates of Harford County to place a person under suspended sentence under the supervision of said parole officer.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Harford County Code (1942 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," sub-title "Circuit Court," to be under the sub-heading "Probation Department," said new section to be known as Section 187A and to follow immediately after Section 187 of said Article and to read as follows:

187A. (a) *The Circuit Court for Harford County is hereby authorized and empowered to designate, appoint and employ some competent and suitable male person to act as parole officer for Harford County, who shall be known as Director of Probation, and who shall be charged with the duty of supervising persons paroled by the Judges of the Circuit Court under such rules and regulations as the court may in its discretion promulgate; and it shall also be the duty of said Director to investigate and report to the Circuit Court, any case referred to him by the court for investigation. When directed by the court he shall investigate and report to the court in writing on the circumstances of the offense, criminal record, social history and present condition of any person charged with or convicted of any crime or offense, and whenever desirable and facilities exist therefor, may also obtain a physical and mental examination of such person and report thereon to the Circuit Court prior to the disposition or sentence by the Court. He shall also, when requested by the Circuit Court, investigate any violation or alleged violations of the orders passed by the Circuit Court in cases involving non-support, bastardy and aged and indigent parent laws; and he shall keep a complete record of all cases referred to him.*

(b) *The Trial Magistrates of Harford County may, in any case wherein a suspended sentence may have been imposed, place the convicted offender upon probation, and said parole officer shall take such steps as may be necessary to see that the terms upon which sentence was sus-*