

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 16 of Article 31B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Defective Delinquents", sub-title "Application", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Section 3 of Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1951, said section having been amended by Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1952, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

16. (Article Construed Prospectively.) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to extend to or to affect any person who on June 1, [1952] 1954, is held as an inmate or prisoner of any penal institution operated and supervised by the Department of Correction in this State, unless after that time he is convicted and sentenced in a court of this State for a crime or offense listed in Section 6 above; and it is specifically provided that one such offense or crime committed after June 1, [1952] 1954, if followed by conviction and sentence, shall be sufficient to bring the said person within the application of this Article. Any person who is held as an inmate or prisoner in any such penal institution on June 1, [1952] 1954, and who is adjudged to have broken the terms of any parole or probation on which he is subsequently released shall be subject to the provisions of this Article as if he had committed a new and separate crime or offense as listed above in Section 6, if the offense for which he was originally convicted was within one of the categories of said Section 6. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to bring any person within the application of this Article by reason of any crime or offense committed prior to June 1, [1952,] 1954, unless it is under the foregoing provisions of this section.

3. This Act shall take effect on June 1, 1954, except that the Chief Psychiatrist and the two associate psychiatrists of the Department of Correction shall be appointed as soon as possible after July 1, [1952,] 1953 at the salaries provided for hereinabove in this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 11, 1953.