

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, 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, 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, 1954, unless it is under the foregoing provisions of this section.

*Anything in this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board of Correction is authorized in its discretion, if it has reason to believe that an inmate of any one of the penal institutions hereinafter named may be a defective delinquent, to transfer to Patuxent Institution such person then confined in the Maryland Penitentiary, the Maryland House of Correction or the Maryland State Reformatory for Males who was confined in any of said institutions on or before June 1, 1954, for purposes of diagnosis and treatment as provided in Section 4 (c) of this Article; and the Board is also authorized to transfer to Patuxent Institution from any of the penal institutions above mentioned any inmate for the purpose of employment at the Patuxent Institution; provided, however, that no person transferred as provided in this paragraph shall be retained in the custody of any of the above named institutions nor in the Patuxent Institution beyond the date of the expiration of the original sentence nor beyond any earlier date which will result from allowance for any diminution of sentence allowed and unforfeited pursuant to the provisions of Section 776 of Article 27.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1955.

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CHAPTER 245

(House Bill 465)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 289 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition),

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.