

Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Prison Farms", authorizing the County Commissioners or County Council of any county to establish prison farms and relating generally to the establishment and operation of such prison farms.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 123A to 123G, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Prison Farms", all to read as follows:

PRISON FARMS

123A. *The Board of County Commissioners of any county is authorized in its discretion to establish, maintain and operate a prison farm. The Commissioners are authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise such property as may be needed for a prison farm, and to provide for the disposition of or retention of existing county jails. Prisoners committed to or held in the county jail may be transferred to the prison farm.*

123B. *Prisoners committed to any prison farm shall be required to work as they shall be directed, either within or without the prison farm ON ALL LANDS LEASED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, unless excused for good cause. The Commissioners shall determine whether compensation shall be payable for any work performed by a prisoner.*

123C. (a) *The Commissioners shall have full and complete jurisdiction and control over the prison farm and land ALL LANDS leased in connection therewith, and over all personal property and equipment used in connection with the property committed to its jurisdiction.*

(b) *The Commissioners may acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise all necessary lands and buildings and all equipment, foodstuffs, uniforms, clothing, books, ledgers, stationery, and all other articles and things necessary for the carrying out of the duties imposed by this sub-title.*

(c) *The Commissioners may appoint, fix the terms of service and compensation of, and for cause deemed sufficient by the Commissioners dismiss, all wardens, deputies, guards, keepers, farm managers, janitors, physicians, chaplains and other necessary agents and employees; and it may provide the warden of the prison and such other deputies or assistants as they shall deem proper with food and living quarters at the prison farm.*

(C) THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANY PRISON FARM ESTABLISHED HEREUNDER IN ANY OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES SHALL BE VESTED IN THOSE OFFICIALS WHO WOULD, UNDER EXISTING LAWS, HAVE THE DUTY OF MAINTAINING, OPERATING AND ADMINISTERING JAILS OR SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTIES.