

jurisdiction in which such untried indictment, information, or complaint is pending; to provide for the effect of such requests and of failure to hold trials of such untried indictments, informations and complaints within specified periods; to provide for the crime of escape by a person legally detained or confined in any correctional institution or facility in this State who escapes from the temporary custody of another party state to said Agreement; to empower the Attorney General and other State officers to carry out certain provisions of said Agreement and to promulgate rules and regulations relating thereto; to provide for the manner of construing said Agreement; and relating generally to an Interstate Agreement on Detainers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 616A through 616R, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", to be under the new sub-title "Detainers", and the new sub-headings "Interstate Agreement on Detainers" and "Supplemental Provisions", to follow immediately after Section 616 thereof, and to read as follows:

#### DETAINERS

##### *Interstate Agreement on Detainers*

#### 616A.

*The contracting states solemnly agree that:*

#### ARTICLE I

#### 616B.

*The party states find that charges outstanding against a prisoner, detainees based on untried indictments, informations or complaints, and difficulties in securing speedy trial of persons already incarcerated in other jurisdictions, produce uncertainties which obstruct programs of prisoner treatment and rehabilitation. Accordingly, it is the policy of the party states and the purpose of this agreement to encourage the expeditious and orderly disposition of such charges and determination of the proper status of any and all detainees based on untried indictments, informations, or complaints. The party states also find that proceedings with reference to such charges and detainees, when emanating from another jurisdiction, cannot properly be had in the absence of cooperative procedures. It is the further purpose of this agreement to provide such cooperative procedures.*

#### ARTICLE II

#### 616C.

*As used in this agreement:*

(a) "State" shall mean a state of the United States; the United States of America; a territory or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(b) "Sending state" shall mean a state in which a prisoner is incarcerated at the time that he initiates a request for final disposi-