

*propriated to the Carroll County Association of Retarded Children, Inc., to be used for construction purposes.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 233

(House Bill 390)

AN ACT to add new Section 623A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 623 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Handicapped Defendants," to provide for interpreters for certain handicapped defendants in criminal cases and parties to mental health commitment proceedings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 623A be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 623 thereof and to read as follows:*

*623A.*

*(a) In any criminal proceeding in any Court in this State when the defendant is deaf or a deaf-mute, or because of hearing, speaking, or other impairment, cannot readily understand or communicate the English Language, and, is incapable of understanding any charge made against him or the proceedings, or is incapable of presenting or assisting the presentation of his defense, there shall be appointed a qualified interpreter to assist the defendant throughout the proceedings. This appointment shall also be made for parties subject to possible commitment in insanity or mental health commitment proceedings.*

*(b) Any interpreter appointed pursuant to this section shall receive from the court compensation for his services in an amount equal to that provided for interpreters of languages other than English and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his services.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved April 10, 1968.