

improvements thus exempted may be included in the assessments to be made against the abutting property included in the project, said County Commissioners may contribute from the general funds or proceeds of bond issues such sums as in their judgment shall be just and equitable to the original assessment, and may also receive from a municipality, agency, private individual or company and apply to such project such sum or sums of money as might be agreed upon, and such adjustments as may be made by the Board of County Commissioners shall be final and conclusive.

*It is further provided that the Board of County Commissioners, where assessments are made against unimproved lots or property which the Board deems has a substantial frontage, may contract with the owner to defer the payment of the assessment and cumulated interest for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) years.*

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

Approved May 2, 1969.

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CHAPTER 507

(House Bill 899)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 645M of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "II—Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," providing that in Dorchester County earnings of a prisoner shall be collected by the State Department of Parole and Probation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 645M of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "II—Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

645M.

The earnings of the prisoner shall be collected by the county probation department, except that for Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, *Dorchester*, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, Worcester and Anne Arundel counties and Baltimore City they shall be collected by the State Department of Parole and Probation. From such earnings the county probation department or the State Department of Parole and Probation, as the case may be, shall pay the prisoner's board and personal expenses, inside the jail and, to the extent directed by the