

CHAPTER 657
(House Bill 401)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 139½ of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," to be under the new subtitle "Payment of Counsel Fees," providing that counsel fees for indigent persons charged with a crime COMMITTED while incarcerated in a penal or correctional institution shall be borne by the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Section 139½ of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," to be under the new subtitle "Payment of Counsel Fees," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

139½. *Payment of Counsel Fees*

Counsel fees due to any attorney who shall be appointed to defend an indigent person charged with [the] *any* crime COMMITTED [of escaping from] *while incarcerated in* a penal or correctional institution under the supervision and control of the Department of Correction shall be a responsibility of the State of Maryland. Funds for such payments shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Correction. After receipt of a list of such payments from the county or Baltimore City in which the [escape] *crime* occurred, the Department shall reimburse the county or city.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 658
(House Bill 410)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 290 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Register of Wills," amending the local laws of Baltimore City concerning the duties of the Register of Wills in order to make its provisions current and in accord with present practices.

WHEREAS, Section 290 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City relating to the office of Register of Wills contains provisions which do not accurately reflect current practices and conditions in the office; and

WHEREAS, The Register of Wills of Baltimore City has recommended amendments to this section in order to make its provisions reflect present-day conditions; now therefore