

erties shown or recommended on the Patuxent River Watershed plan for the public purposes designated thereon. The Department budget request shall itemize the Patuxent River watershed land acquisition program of each county, or its duly designated agency, showing the total acreage proposed to be acquired during the coming fiscal year, together with an estimate of the funds to be made available by each county for such acquisition.

411P. Agreements between Director and counties.

The Director of the Department of Forests and Parks shall have the authority to enter into agreements, with the respective counties affected hereby, and/or their duly designated agencies, for the acquisition of land or other property to accomplish the purposes of this subtitle. The Director may obligate the Department to **[pay]** *reimburse the county for up to fifty per centum (50%)* of the cost of the land or other properties, plus fifty per centum (50%) of the normal costs of acquisition thereof; provided, however, that funds have been appropriated, and *sufficient funds* are on hand to meet the obligation of the Department under such agreements.

411R. Levy of annual special property tax.

The county commissioners of the counties affected hereby are authorized to levy an annual special tax for the benefit of and on behalf of the Patuxent River watershed acquisition program, upon all of the property within the respective counties now, or in the future, assessed for county taxation purposes. The county commissioners are authorized to allocate the aggregate amount collected by said tax to their own Patuxent River watershed acquisition program, or to pay the aggregate amount collected by said tax to their duly designated agency under the provisions of this subtitle for the agency's Patuxent River Watershed acquisition program. The proceeds of the tax shall be expended by the county commissioners, or their duly designated agencies, only within the counties wherein the tax was collected, for the acquisition of lands and other property shown on the Patuxent River watershed plan as recommended to be purchased for the protection of the watershed. The proceeds of the tax shall be expended on a 50-50 matching basis with the Department of Forests and Parks. **[fifty per centum (50%)** of the cost of the land and other property plus fifty per centum (50%) of the normal costs of acquisition to be paid by the Department of Forests and Parks as provided for in this subtitle.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 21, 1970.

CHAPTER 704
(House Bill 781)

AN ACT to add new Section 700D to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation