

ING AUTHORITY, AND FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE AREA WHERE THE PROPOSED CENTER IS TO BE LOCATED for the establishment and maintenance of community correction centers for offenders sentenced by the courts regardless of the length of the sentence; to authorize the Commissioner of Correction to enter contracts with local government authorities to provide pre-trial detention services; to authorize the Commissioner, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS to enter into certain other types of contracts providing goods and services for persons in his custody; and relating generally to facilities and provisions for sentenced offenders and persons detained awaiting trial.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 706 be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 705 thereof, and to be under new subheading "Community Correction Centers," and to read as follows:

706.

(a) *The Commissioner of Correction, with the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY, AND FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE AREA WHERE THE PROPOSED CENTER IS TO BE LOCATED shall have the authority to acquire by lease or purchase any facility for use as a community correction center at any location within the State of Maryland for the purpose of housing and rehabilitating offenders sentenced by the courts of the State of Maryland regardless of the length of sentence imposed, and may enter into contracts to construct or renovate and operate such centers; provided, however, that funds for such purposes are appropriated in a budget bill or supplementary appropriation bill. This authority shall include, but shall not be limited to, the purchase of existing town, city or county correctional facilities. The Commissioner shall have the same power, authority, duties and functions concerning community correction centers as are conferred upon the Commissioner in this Article concerning correctional and reformatory institutions.*

(b) *The Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, shall have the authority to contract with any town, city or county authorities to provide pre-trial detention services to these jurisdictions subject to such compensation set by the Commissioner.*

(c) *The Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY, AND FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE AREA WHERE THE PROPOSED CENTER IS TO BE LOCATED shall have the authority to contract with any town, city or county authorities or private persons, firms, or organizations for the purpose of furnishing food, housing, programs or transportation to persons over whom the Commissioner has custody.*

(D) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY IS THE MAYOR AND CITY COUN-