

in the Maryland Penitentiary and in the Maryland House of Correction, who are physically able to work upon the public roads of the State, or of any county, city or town thereof, and who are available for such work. If the governing body of any town or city other than Baltimore City or the county commissioners of any county desire the prisoners confined in the jails under their respective jurisdictions to work upon the public roads or streets, then they may, in like manner, certify to the Governor the number of male prisoners confined in the jails under their respective jurisdictions who are physically able to work upon said public roads of the State, or of any county, city or town thereof, and who are available for such work; provided, however, that in Frederick City, the [justice of the peace] *District Court judge* who tried and committed a vagrant or other offender of a municipal law or ordinance is hereby authorized and directed, whenever practicable, to make an assignment of such person to employment on the county roads or on the streets of the city, and the sheriff or other officer into whose custody said person has been committed is hereby ordered to comply with any such order for assignment, and the person ordered to work by the [justice of the peace] *judge* is to be guarded, if he works upon the streets of the city, by the superintendent of streets or by any other person deputized by the sheriff, and if he works upon the roads of the county, then he shall be guarded by the road supervisor of the district in which the said person works, and the sheriff is hereby authorized to deputize for this purpose any of the said officials or other persons to take charge of the said persons while so employed.

§ 639A. *Release from actual confinement of certain prisoners in Queen Anne's County and Anne Arundel County.*

(a) *Queen Anne's County.—*

(1) *Release by District Court judge; purpose of release.—A District Court judge in Queen Anne's County may direct that any person sentenced by him to a period of confinement in the county jail be granted the privilege of leaving actual confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of working at gainful private employment. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the release of a prisoner for any other purpose or at any time other than that during which he is actually employed or actually going to or from his place of employment.*

(2) *Time required; conditions for release; failure to return; violations.—The Department of Parole and Probation shall determine the time actually necessary for a prisoner to go to and from his place of employment and to perform the duties required of him as an employee. Prior to any release pursuant to this section, a prisoner shall sign an agreement to return to the county jail at the time so determined by the Department (to be specified by hour in the agreement) or immediately after his work is over, whichever is earlier, and in any event to return directly to the jail following the termination of his daily employment; to enter no vehicle or building except in the ordinary course of his employment; to surrender his total earnings as provided in subsection (c); to have no alcoholic beverages in his possession at any time; to bring no object into the jail without the express permission of the Sheriff or a deputy sheriff; and to observe such other conditions as may be deemed proper and designated in*