

(a) The Circuit Court for Harford County is hereby authorized and empowered to designate, appoint and employ some competent and suitable male person to act as parole officer for Harford County, who shall be known as Director of Probation, and who shall be charged with the duty of supervising persons paroled by the Judges of the Circuit Court under such rules and regulations as the court may in its discretion promulgate; and it shall also be the duty of said Director to investigate and report to the Circuit Court, any case referred to him by the court for investigation. When directed by the court he shall investigate and report to the court in writing on the circumstances of the offense, criminal record, social history and present condition of any person charged with or convicted of any crime or offense, and whenever desirable and facilities exist therefor, may also obtain a physical and mental examination of such person and report thereon to the Circuit Court prior to the disposition or sentence by the Court. He shall also, when requested by the Circuit Court, investigate any violation or alleged violations of the orders passed by the Circuit Court in cases involving non-support, bastardy and aged and indigent parent laws; and he shall keep a complete record of all cases referred to him.

(b) The Trial Magistrates of Harford County may, in any case wherein a suspended sentence may have been imposed, place the convicted offender upon probation, and said parole officer shall take such steps as may be necessary to see that the terms upon which sentence was suspended are complied with, including payments for non-support and restitutions of money or property.

(c) The Director shall receive such salary as the Judges of the Circuit Court and the County Commissioners may order and approve, to be paid in regular monthly installments, by the County Commissioners of Harford County. In addition to his salary, the Director shall be allowed his office expenses and actual traveling expenses when in the discharge of his duty, said office and traveling expenses to be paid by the County Commissioners upon the approval and order of said Court.

(d) The Director of Probation shall and is hereby authorized to assess a charge of 2% of the monies ordered by the Circuit Court or Trial Magistrate to be paid by errant fathers or husbands to support their children or in payment of alimony for the purpose of defraying expenses for the collection and distribution of same. The books of accounts and records of the Director's office shall be audited on an annual basis.

SECTION 11-11 3, AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 728

(Senate Bill 984)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 11-101 of Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "11. Rules of the Road," subheading "Part I. Obedience to and Effect of Traffic Laws"; to add Dorchester County to the list of those counties in which operation of a motor vehicle on private property, which is generally used by the public, in violation of the provisions of this subtitle is deemed in violation of the law to the same extent as if the motor vehicle were being operated on a public highway, and