

(V) THEREAFTER, NO EXEMPTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF [SECTION 9C(J) (3)] THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 743

(Senate Bill 1181)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 645U(a) and (b) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," to provide that in Harford County a judge may set the terms and conditions he deems appropriate with regard to certain programs for persons convicted of crimes, to provide that the Harford County government shall cooperate in and fiscally support a certain work release program, and to clarify the language therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 645U(a) and (b) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Venue, Procedure and Sentence," subheading "Employment of Prisoners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

645U.

(a) In Harford County whenever a person shall be convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment in any county, town or city jail or detention center within the county, by any court in the county, the judge imposing sentence may, at the time of sentencing or at any time during the prescribed term of detention, in accordance with such [programs as have been or will be enacted by the County Commissioners of Harford County,] **TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE** prescribe that the person may continue his regular employment, obtain new employment, participate in a training or rehabilitation program, or attend educational institutions in the county, while serving the term of his sentence [;provided however, that such]. **HOWEVER, THE** prescription shall in no event lengthen or shorten the term of the sentence.

(b) The [County Commissioners of] Harford County [are] **GOVERNMENT** [is authorized and directed to establish] SHALL COOPERATE IN AND PROVIDE FISCAL SUPPORT FOR a "work release" program PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) under which persons sentenced to imprisonment in the jail, county detention center, or other such similar institution under the jurisdiction of the county, by a judge, may be granted the privilege of leaving actual confinement during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of working at gainful private employment. [Such] **THIS** program may also include, under appropriate conditions, release for the purpose of seeking such employment. Whenever the prisoner is not employed, or otherwise participating in his work release program, he shall be confined in the detention center unless the committing court shall direct otherwise.