

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 139

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 139 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

139.

(A) If any offender or person legally detained and confined in the penitentiary or jail, or house of correction, or reformatory, or station house, or any other place of confinement, in this State, [shall escape] ESCAPES he shall be guilty of a felony and on conviction [thereof] by the Criminal Court of Baltimore City or by the circuit court of the county in which the escape takes place, be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary, jail or house of correction for [such] WHATEVER additional period, not exceeding ten years, as the court may adjudge. The sentence so imposed shall be consecutive to the sentence under which the inmate was originally confined and[shall] MAY not be suspended. However, for escapes from the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown or the Maryland Correctional Training Center—Hagerstown which have not involved an assault, the sentence [shall] MAY not exceed confinement for three years.

(B) UPON CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, AN ESCAPEE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN HIS RETURN TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION. THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION MAY ESTABLISH WHATEVER REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR CHARGING AN ESCAPEE WITH[, AND COLLECTION OF, THOSE EXPENSES.]] EXPENSES, COLLECTION OF THOSE EXPENSES, AND FOR CONDUCT OF ANY HEARING CHALLENGING THOSE EXPENSES. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE RETURNED ESCAPEE OF ANY CHARGES. A HEARING SHALL BE GRANTED TO ANY RETURNED ESCAPEE WHO WISHES TO CHALLENGE THE REASONABLENESS OF ANY CHARGES.

(C) If any keeper, deputy, assistant keeper or other person [shall aid or assist] AIDS OR ASSISTS in