

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 706 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 706 through 710E, inclusive, to be under the new subheading "Community Adult Rehabilitation Centers" be and they are hereby added to Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

COMMUNITY ADULT REHABILITATION CENTERS

706. FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) THERE IS A NEED FOR COMMUNITY BASED ADULT REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR THE HOUSING AND REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIMES BUT WHO, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURTS AND APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONAL PERSONNEL, CAN BEST BE REHABILITATED WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY IN LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES;

(2) THESE ADULT REHABILITATION CENTERS SHOULD BE BUT ONE COMPONENT IN THE OVERALL CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, AND SHOULD BE UTILIZED ONLY FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO CAN BEST BE REHABILITATED IN THEM AND WHO WILL NOT PRESENT A SUBSTANTIAL DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY;

(3) IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE THAT THESE REHABILITATION CENTERS WILL BE SAFE, THEY SHOULD, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE LOCATED AND OPERATED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CONSISTENT WITH STATEWIDE STANDARDS, AND WITH STATE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT;

(4) ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR A FACILITY AND THE INABILITY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ITS LOCATION AFTER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME SHOULD THE STATE HAVE THE POWER TO LOCATE, CONSTRUCT, AND OPERATE IT.

707. DEFINITIONS.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CENTER" MEANS A COMMUNITY ADULT