

shall be [one hundred and fifty dollars] \$150 or less, the same shall be exempt from the payment of any tax under the provisions of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

CHAPTER 188

(Senate Bill 84)

AN ACT concerning

Jailbreaks or Escapes - Penalty

FOR the purpose of increasing the confinement penalty for certain jailbreaks or escapes from certain institutions and training centers; and declaring this Act to be an emergency measure to take effect from the date of its passage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 139(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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, escapes he shall be guilty of a felony and on conviction 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 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 may not be suspended. However, for escapes from [the Maryland Correctional Institution — Hagerstown or the Maryland Correctional Training Center — Hagerstown or] any juvenile institution which have not involved an assault, the