

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section ~~707~~, ~~708~~ 708, 709, 710A, 710B, and 710C  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section ~~709~~ and 710D  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section ~~709~~ and 710D  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

~~706.~~

~~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~~