

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

690.

(a) The provisions of this section are applicable to any judge of the circuit court for any county, the judges of the Criminal Court of Baltimore and any judge of the District Court, exercising criminal jurisdiction, and all of such persons are described herein as "judge."

(b) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this article or any other law to the contrary, [on and after June 1, 1967,] judges, in the sentencing of convicted persons [(1)] for any offense for which the provisions of this article or any other law requires the imprisonment to be served at any one of those institutions enumerated in § 689 of this article [or (2) any offense for which prior to June 1, 1967, the sentence was made for whatever reason to one of those institutions in § 689], shall in all such cases sentence such persons to the jurisdiction of the [Department] DIVISION of Correction. All such persons shall be committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction and delivered to him for imprisonment. Thereafter all such persons shall be held, confined in, assigned to or transferred to such of the institutions and facilities under the jurisdiction of the [Department] DIVISION as the [Department] DIVISION from time to time may order, including State Police barracks where such use is convenient and practical.

Any person sentenced prior to June 1, 1967 to any one of the institutions and facilities under the jurisdiction of the [Department] DIVISION may, after such date, and notwithstanding such sentence, be held, confined in, assigned to or transferred to such of these institutions and facilities as the [Department] DIVISION may from time to time order.

(c) No sentence by any judge to the jurisdiction of the [Department] DIVISION may be for less than three months, any provisions of this article or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

(d) Whenever in this article or any other law reference is made to the sentencing or confinement of prisoners to any of the institutions enumerated in § 689, such reference shall [after June 1, 1967,] be construed to