

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Detention Center - Escapes - Expenses

FOR the purpose of providing that an individual who escapes from the Baltimore County Detention Center is liable for costs incurred in returning that individual to the penitentiary; providing that an individual charged under this Act is entitled to a hearing to challenge the reasonableness of the charges; permitting the Sheriff of Baltimore County to establish regulations and procedures to carry out the provisions of this Act; and generally relating to charging escapees from the Baltimore County Detention Center with the costs of return to the Center.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 139
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

139.

(a) (1) If any individual who is legally detained in the State penitentiary or a jail, house of correction, reformatory, station house, or other place of confinement in this State or who is committed to the Drug Abuse Administration for examination or inpatient treatment escapes, the individual is guilty of a felony and on conviction by the circuit court for the county in which the escape takes place, is subject to confinement in the State penitentiary or a jail or house of correction for an additional period not exceeding 10 years. The sentence imposed under this subsection shall be consecutive to any sentence which was being served at the time of the escape, or any sentence which had been imposed but was not yet being served at the time of sentencing on the escape. A sentence imposed under this subsection may not be suspended.

(2) An institution or agency that operates under the authority of the Juvenile Services Administration and treats children who are adjudicated delinquent is a place of confinement for the purpose of this section. However, for an escape from a juvenile institution or agency that does not involve an assault, the sentence may not exceed confinement for 3 years.