BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 645W(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 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

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- (a) [When a person is detained in or sentenced to the Baltimore City Jail, the warden, if approved by the judge ordering the confinement or, if he is unable to act, then any other judge of the committing court, at any time during the period of confinement, in accordance with such programs as are available, may prescribe that the person] (1) AT ANY TIME DURING A PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, THE WARDEN OF THE BALTIMORE CITY JAIL MAY PRESCRIBE THAT (1) A PERSON SENTENCED TO THE BALTIMORE CITY JAIL, OR (II) A PERSON DETAINED IN THE BALTIMORE CITY JAIL IF APPROVED BY THE JUDGE ORDERING THE CONFINEMENT, OR IF HE IS UNABLE TO ACT THEN ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE COMMITTING COURT, may continue his regular employment, obtain new employment, participate in a training or rehabilitation program, or attend educational institutions, during the period of custody.
- (2) A prisoner in a prescribed program pursuant to this section shall be confined in jail or held in custody between program hours or periods unless the JUDGE ORDERING THE CONFINEMENT, OR IF HE IS UNABLE TO ACT, ANY OTHER JUDGE OF THE COMMITTING court directs otherwise.
- (3) The warden may contract, subject to the procedure for contracting by agencies of Baltimore City and the availability of funds, for halfway houses or other suitable housing facilities for those prisoners whom the court directs may be housed therein.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.