

House Bill No. 354

AN ACT concerning

Local Detention Centers

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum period of sentence used for referral of an individual to the Division of Correction; defining certain terms; substituting certain terms; altering the circumstances under which certain powers and duties of a certain sheriff are affected; requiring certain prisoners to be in the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections under certain circumstances; permitting a county to apply for certain financial assistance for construction or enlargement of its detention center under certain circumstances and pursuant to certain processes, procedures, and approval; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a certain study; adding that certain information be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in certain financial assistance applications; providing a certain contract may not be approved unless certain requirements are met; providing for a limit on the use of a local detention center, in the absence of certain circumstances; providing for State reimbursement of part of the cost of maintaining certain prisoners in local detention centers and setting the rate of reimbursement; and generally relating to local detention centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 690; and 705 to be under the amended subheading
"Local Detention Centers"
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

690.

(a) The provisions of this section are applicable to any judge of the circuit court for any county 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, judges, in the sentencing of convicted persons for any offense for which the provisions of