detention facilities to reimburse the county or Baltimore City for medical expenses and to provide the sheriff with certain information regarding health insurance and eligibility for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; providing for the construction of a certain requirement for payment for certain medical care; defining a certain term; making technical and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the payment of medical expenses of prisoners and inmates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 698-and 699 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 87 - Sheriffs Section 46 Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Replacement Volume and 1987 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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Whenever-it-appears-to-the-Department-that-a-prisoner-in-any institution-under-its-control-is-ill,-and-that-the-facilities--of the--institution--are--inadequate--to--provide-treatment-for-such illness,-the-Department-may-temporarily-remove--the--prisoner--to any--place--within--the--State--where--adequate--treatment-may-be obtained --- The - Department - may - direct -- the -- temporary -- removal -- of such--prisoner--for--a--definite--period-of-time;-or-from-time-to time,-to-a-place-where-adequate-treatment-for-the-illness-of--the prisoner--may--be--obtained,--with--such--guards--and--under-such supervision-and-safeguards-as-may-be--necessary--to--prevent--the escape--of--the--prisoner-from-custody--and-subject-to-such-rules and-regulations-with-regard-to-quards,-supervision,-and-terms--of temporary--release-as-the-Bepartment-may-prescribe,-provided-that any-such-order-shall-direct-the-return-of-such--prisoner--to--the jurisdiction-of-the-Department-as-soon-as-the-state-of-his-health will-permit:--Such-order-of-removal-shall-be-the-authority-of-the officer-in-charge-of-the-penal-institution-to-remove-the-prisoner in--accordance-with-its-terms,-and-the-prisoner-shall-be-regarded during-the-time-of-such-removal-as-remaining-in--custody--of--the Department--for--the--purposes--of--determining-the-time-when-the