

have been duly adopted as provided by law. If it shall appear that the father or other relative is unable properly to care for and maintain such child, the Department of Correction shall place the child in the care of the [department of public welfare of the county or Baltimore City from which said inmate was committed as a proper charge upon such county or Baltimore City] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

## Article 87 - Sheriffs

46.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SHERIFF" INCLUDES THE ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTOR, SUPERINTENDENT, WARDEN, OR OTHER OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A DETENTION CENTER.

[(a)] (B) The sheriff shall provide food and board for all prisoners committed to the sheriff's charge and such food and other articles for the comfort of sick prisoners as the physician attending [such] THE prisoners may deem necessary, the expense of which shall be paid by the county or Baltimore City.

[(b)] (C) [In Calvert, Carroll, Charles, or St. Mary's Counties, sick,] SICK, injured, or disabled prisoners shall be responsible for REIMBURSING THE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY FOR the payment of all medical care, and shall furnish the sheriff with the following information [in order to reimburse the county commissioners the cost of medical care]:

(1) The existence of any health insurance, group health plan, or prepaid medical care coverage under which the prisoner is insured;

(2) THE ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO WHICH THE PRISONER IS ENTITLED;

[(2)] (3) The name and address of the third party payor; and

[(3)] (4) The policy or other identifying number.

(D) THE LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL CARE DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS REQUIRING PAYMENT BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, EXCEPT BY A PRISONER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH COVERAGE OR BENEFITS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.