

## CHAPTER 7

(House Bill 448)

## AN ACT concerning

Patuxent Institution - Organization and Procedures  
- Annual Report

FOR the purpose of altering the criteria for eligibility for incarceration at Patuxent Institution; amending the purpose of the Institution; eliminating the Board of Patuxent Institution and requiring the Governor to appoint a citizen's advisory board; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt certain regulations pertaining to Patuxent Institution; altering the membership, terms of office, and procedures of the Patuxent Institution Board of Review; requiring notice to certain victims before an inmate may be given work release, parole, or leave from Patuxent Institution; defining certain terms; requiring the Board of Review to give the victim a reasonable opportunity to comment on parole; requiring the Board of Review to delete the victim's address and phone number before examination of any document by the eligible person or the eligible person's representative; authorizing the victim to designate, in writing to the Board of Review, a representative of the victim; requiring certain inmates to serve certain minimum terms before being eligible for parole from Patuxent Institution; prohibiting parole from the Institution without the approval of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing certain penalties for committing certain violations while on work release, leave, or parole; requiring the Director of the Patuxent Institution to issue certain annual reports on financial matters and certain aspects of the inmate population of the Patuxent Institution; requiring annual reports by the Director of the Patuxent Institution to be sent to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Governor; making conforming and stylistic changes; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a study of Patuxent Institution; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop certain criteria for measuring recidivism rates for Patuxent Institution and the Division of Correction; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to review the status of work release and leave inmates at Patuxent Institution before reinstituting the work release and leave programs; making provisions of this Act severable; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the organization and procedures of Patuxent Institution.