

Detention Center who participates in a work release program to reimburse the Howard County Department of Correction for certain expenses; providing that inmates in a work release program who violate certain conditions may be removed from the program and may have any earned diminution of sentence canceled; clarifying the status of a prisoner under certain circumstances; and generally relating to work release programs in Howard County.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 645EE  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 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

645EE.

(A) IN HOWARD COUNTY WHENEVER AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND HAS NO OTHER CHARGES PENDING IN ANY CITY, COUNTY, OR STATE, THE JUDGE IMPOSING SENTENCE MAY AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING OR AT ANY TIME DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S INCARCERATION PRESCRIBE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PARTICIPATE IN A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM MAY CONTINUE THE INDIVIDUAL'S REGULAR EMPLOYMENT OR OBTAIN NEW EMPLOYMENT.

(B) (1) THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION MAY ESTABLISH A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.

(2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.

(3) IF THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION APPROVES, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO THE HOWARD COUNTY DETENTION CENTER MAY BE GRANTED THE PRIVILEGE OF LEAVING THE DETENTION CENTER TO WORK OR TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT.

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION OR UNLESS A COURT ORDERS OTHERWISE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE HOWARD COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.