

establishment and administration of a Frederick County Work Release Program.

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) THE FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AND DIRECT A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH THE PROGRAM AND ITS PARTICIPANTS SHALL OPERATE.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE SHERIFF UNDER THIS SECTION, ANY JUDGE SITTING IN A FREDERICK COUNTY COURT MAY ORDER THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT IN THE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER BE SERVED IN THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.

(C) (1) IN ORDERING AN INDIVIDUAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, THE JUDGE MAY GRANT THE PRIVILEGE OF LEAVING ACTUAL CONFINEMENT FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(I) WORKING AT GAINFUL PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT;

(II) SEEKING GAINFUL PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT; AND

(III) PARTICIPATING IN EDUCATIONAL, REHABILITATIVE, OR TRAINING PROGRAMS WITHIN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(2) WHENEVER AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT WORKING OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CONFINED IN THE FREDERICK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER UNLESS THE COMMITTING JUDGE DIRECTS OTHERWISE.

(3) A JUDGE MAY ISSUE A WORK RELEASE ORDER AT SENTENCING OR AT ANY OTHER TIME DURING THE INCARCERATION PERIOD.

(4) IF THE JUDGE WHO FIRST ORDERED THE CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT IS UNABLE TO ACT AT THE TIME OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S PETITION FOR WORK RELEASE, THEN ANY OTHER JUDGE OF SITTING IN THE COMMITTING COURT MAY ORDER THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED BE SERVED IN THE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.