CHAPTER 586

(House Bill 723)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County Detention Center Local Detention Centers - Inmate Medical Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring a deduction from certain accounts held by the Sheriff of Charles County sheriff of a county or Baltimore City on behalf of an inmate in the Charles County Detention Center a local detention center of an amount set by the County county's governing body, or the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the case of Baltimore City, for certain visits to a physician, dentist, optometrist, or medical unit; requiring that the Sheriff also deduct the amount needed to pay for the visit and for required medication; prohibiting an inmate from incurring charges against certain accounts, unless otherwise authorized, until certain medical charges have been paid; requiring a county's governing body, or the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the case of Baltimore City, to set a reasonable fee not to exceed a certain amount; providing for the handling of certain funds; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the responsibility of an inmate in the Charles County Detention Center payment of certain fees by inmates in local detention centers for certain medical charges visits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 87 - Sheriffs

Section 46

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 87 - Sheriffs

46.

- (a) In this section, "sheriff" includes the administrator, director, superintendent, warden, or other officer in charge of a detention center.
- (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 the prisoners may deem necessary, the expense of which shall be paid by the county or Baltimore City.
- (c) Sick, injured, or disabled prisoners including those committed to the Commissioner of Pretrial Detention and Services shall be responsible for reimbursing the county or the State, as appropriate for the payment of all medical care, and shall furnish the sheriff with the following information: