

CHAPTER 337

(House Bill 382)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Work Release Program - Condition for Participation

Ho. Co. 2-04

FOR the purpose of altering a condition for participation in a work release program established by the Howard County Department of Correction; authorizing the court, in addition to the sentencing judge, to allow certain individuals to participate in the work release program; clarifying that an inmate employed in a work release program is not an agent or employee of the court; making a technical change; and generally relating to the work release program established by the Howard County Department of Correction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Correctional Services

Section 11-715

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Correctional Services

11-715.

(a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Department" means the Howard County Department of Correction.

(3) "Director" means the Director of the Howard County Department of Correction.

(b) This section applies only in Howard County.

(c) (1) The Department may establish a work release program.

(2) The work release program may include an inmate's participation in a program of employment, rehabilitation, training, education, or home detention.

(3) The Director may adopt regulations relating to the operation of the work release program.

(d) (1) At the time of sentencing or at any time during an individual's confinement, the sentencing judge IF AVAILABLE, OR OTHERWISE THE COURT may allow an individual to participate in the work release program if the individual:

(i) has been sentenced to the custody of the Department; and