

(2) (II) IN THE EVENT THAT A RESPONDENT IS NOT ABLE TO SELECT AN ANSWER, AN OBSERVER, SUCH AS A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND, MAY SELECT THE ANSWER ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT.

(4) (4) A FORM THAT REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS BY RACE SHALL INCLUDE A SEPARATE QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER A RESPONDENT IS OF HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN, WITH THE QUESTION PRECEDING THE RACIAL CATEGORY QUESTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the standards enacted under this Act shall be applicable to a data collection form that is created or revised after the effective date of this Act, and the standards shall be applicable to all data collection forms no later than January 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 460

(House Bill 265)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany and Garrett Counties - Confinement as Condition of Probation Before Judgment

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to impose a sentence of confinement as a condition of probation before judgment in Allegany County and in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 641

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 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

641.

(a) (1) (i) 1. Whenever a person accused of a crime pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of an offense, a court exercising criminal jurisdiction, if satisfied that the best interests of the person and the welfare of the people of the State would be served thereby, and with the written consent of the person after determination of guilt or acceptance of a nolo contendere plea, may stay the entering