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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Correctional Officers – Minimum Age**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services
4 to adopt certain regulations establishing a certain minimum age for a
5 correctional officer hired for employment in any unit within the Division of
6 Correction; and generally relating to correctional officers within the Division of
7 Correction.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Correctional Services
10 Section 2–109
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Correctional Services**

16 2–109.

17 (a) The Secretary shall adopt regulations for the office of the Secretary.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Secretary shall review regulations proposed by a unit in the
2 Department.

3 (2) The Secretary may approve, disapprove, or revise regulations
4 proposed by a unit in the Department.

5 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
6 Secretary shall adopt regulations to govern the policies and management of
7 correctional facilities in the Division of Correction in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle
8 1 of the State Government Article.

9 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a guideline
10 pertaining to the routine internal management of correctional facilities in the Division
11 of Correction.

12 **(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
13 **FOR A REQUIREMENT THAT, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007, A CORRECTIONAL**
14 **OFFICER HIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY UNIT OF THE DIVISION OF**
15 **CORRECTION SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2007.