

# SENATE BILL 187

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Inmate Employment – Agricultural Work**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Division of Correction to arrange for the  
4 employment of certain inmates in certain camps to perform agricultural work; and  
5 generally relating to the employment of inmates.

6 BY repealing

7 Article – Correctional Services

8 Section 9–515

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Correctional Services**

14 **[9–515.**

15 (a) This section applies to:

16 (1) inmates of any camp in Queen Anne’s County or in any other county in  
17 which similar camps are established; and

18 (2) inmates in a county within a reasonable distance, to be determined by  
19 the Division of Correction, of a camp described in item (1) of this subsection.

20 (b) Except for inmates needed or being utilized by the State Highway  
21 Administration for emergency road maintenance, the Division of Correction shall arrange

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 for inmates to be employed in agricultural work during any part of the year.

2 (c) A person that employs inmates in agricultural work under this section shall:

3 (1) pay the reasonable value for the work at the estimated prevailing wage  
4 in the community where the inmates are employed; and

5 (2) give any security for the payments that the Division of Correction  
6 requires.

7 (d) A person that employs inmates under this section may sell the produce  
8 harvested by the inmates.

9 (e) Inmates employed in agricultural work under this section shall be under the  
10 control and supervision of the Division of Correction to the same extent as when employed  
11 in the construction and maintenance of public roads.]

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2024.