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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 2005 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.

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

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

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

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

4 (3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR A
5 REQUIREMENT THAT, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006, A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
6 HIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY UNIT OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION SHALL BE
7 AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect October 1, 2006.