

SENATE BILL 1111

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By: **Senator Pugh**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Inmate Savings Accounts**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, at the request of an inmate, a correctional facility in
4 the Division of Correction may establish a certain savings account in the inmate's
5 name in a certain banking institution; authorizing an inmate to transfer certain
6 funds into a certain account; providing that certain funds shall be paid to the inmate
7 on the inmate's release, less certain disbursements; defining a certain term; and
8 generally relating to savings accounts for inmates.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Correctional Services
11 Section 3–609
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Correctional Services**

17 3–609.

18 (a) A correctional facility in the Division shall maintain a reserve financial
19 account and a spending financial account for each inmate in the correctional facility.

20 (b) The accounts of an inmate may be charged for:

21 (1) the reasonable value of any State property that the inmate:

22 (i) willfully or maliciously destroys; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) destroys as the result of gross negligence; or

2 (2) any fees assessed under § 2-118 of this article.

3 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “BANKING INSTITUTION” HAS THE MEANING
4 STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARTICLE.

5 (2) AT THE REQUEST OF AN INMATE, A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN
6 THE DIVISION MAY ESTABLISH AN INDIVIDUAL INTEREST-BEARING SAVINGS
7 ACCOUNT IN THE INMATE’S NAME IN A BANKING INSTITUTION.

8 (3) THE INMATE MAY TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE INMATE’S
9 RESERVE ACCOUNT INTO THE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
10 SUBSECTION.

11 (4) ALL FUNDS FROM THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN
12 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID TO THE INMATE ON THE
13 INMATE’S RELEASE, LESS CHARGED DISBURSEMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF
14 THIS SECTION.

15 [(c)] (D) The Commissioner shall adopt regulations that:

16 (1) set forth those items that may be credited to or disbursed from an
17 account under this section; and

18 (2) set forth procedures for carrying out this section, including procedures
19 that provide due process of law to each inmate before the inmate’s accounts may be charged
20 with a disbursement under subsection (b) of this section.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2016.