

HOUSE BILL 944

E4

7lr3399
CF SB 469

By: **Delegate C. Howard**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Prison Artists Marketplace Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
4 to establish the Prison Artists Marketplace Program; specifying that the purpose of
5 the Program is to display and sell artistic works created by inmates during a term of
6 incarceration; requiring that the artistic works be sold at a marketplace at Druid
7 Hill Park in Baltimore City; requiring a certain distribution of the proceeds from the
8 sale of artistic works; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; stating
9 the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Prison Artists
10 Marketplace Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Correctional Services
13 Section 9–521
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Correctional Services**

19 **9–521.**

20 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PRISON ARTISTS**
21 **MARKETPLACE PROGRAM.**

22 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO DISPLAY AND SELL ARTISTIC**
23 **WORKS CREATED BY INMATES DURING A TERM OF INCARCERATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE ARTISTIC WORKS SHALL BE DISPLAYED AND SOLD AT A**
2 **MARKETPLACE AT DRUID HILL PARK IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

3 **(D) THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF ARTISTIC WORKS SHALL BE**
4 **DISTRIBUTED TO:**

5 **(1) THE DEPARTMENT TO DEFRAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS**
6 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM; AND**

7 **(2) THE BANK ACCOUNT OF THE INMATE WHOSE ARTISTIC WORK WAS**
8 **SOLD.**

9 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**
10 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
12 Assembly that the Program shall, to the extent practicable, employ inmates who are eligible
13 for work release.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2017.