

HOUSE BILL 108

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CF SB 61

By: ~~Delegate Pasteur~~ Delegates Pasteur, Crutchfield, Fair, Lehman, Ruth, Sample-Hughes, Schindler, Schmidt, Solomon, Terrasa, Wells, and Wu

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Division of Correction – ~~Release Preparation~~ Volunteer Services Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Release Preparation~~ Volunteer Services Program in
4 the Division of Correction for the purpose of providing access to volunteers, including
5 formerly incarcerated individuals and organizations led by formerly incarcerated
6 individuals, to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals with
7 release preparation; ~~altering the purposes of the Cannabis Regulation and~~
8 ~~Enforcement Fund to include providing funds to cover the costs of supporting the~~
9 ~~Release Preparation Program~~; and generally relating to the ~~Release Preparation~~
10 Volunteer Services Program.

11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
12 ~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~
13 ~~Section 36-206~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
15 ~~(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Correctional Services
18 Section 9-619
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2025 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

~~Article — Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~

~~36-206.~~

(a) ~~In this section, “Fund” means the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund.~~

(b) ~~There is a Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund.~~

(c) ~~The purpose of the Fund is to provide funds to cover the costs of:~~

(1) ~~the operation of the Administration;~~

(2) ~~administering and enforcing this title; [and]~~

(3) ~~supporting the Social Equity Partnership Grant Program established under § 1-323 of this article; AND~~

~~(4) SUPPORTING THE RELEASE PREPARATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-619 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.~~

(d) ~~The Administration shall administer the Fund.~~

(e) (1) ~~The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.~~

(2) ~~The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

(f) ~~The Fund consists of:~~

(1) ~~fees distributed to the Fund under § 36-205 of this subtitle;~~

(2) ~~revenue distributed to the Fund under § 2-1302.2 of the Tax General Article;~~

(3) ~~interest earnings of the Fund; and~~

(4) ~~any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund, in accordance with any conditions adopted by the Commission for the acceptance of donations or gifts to the Fund.~~

(g) ~~The Fund may be used for:~~

1 (D) THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
2 SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:

3 (1) THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION TO MAINTAIN A RECORD OF
4 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED IN THE PROGRAM;

5 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE
6 REGISTRATION OF ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS~~ VOLUNTEERS IN THE
7 PROGRAM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND

8 ~~(2) (3)~~ A ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL~~ VOLUNTEER IN
9 THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TO THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION A WRITTEN
10 SCHEDULE DESCRIBING WHEN THE ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ VOLUNTEER INTENDS TO ACCESS A
11 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

12 (E) A VOLUNTEER IN THE PROGRAM:

13 (1) HAS THE RIGHT TO ELECT WHETHER THE VOLUNTEER'S NAME IS
14 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND

15 (2) MUST CONSENT IN WRITING IF THE VOLUNTEER ELECTS THE
16 DISCLOSURE OF THE VOLUNTEER'S NAME TO THE PUBLIC.

17 ~~(E) (F)~~ (F) THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION MAY NOT DENY A SCHEDULE
18 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(D)(2)~~ (D)(3) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
19 SCHEDULE INTERFERES WITH THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF THE STATE
20 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.