

CHAPTER 436

(Senate Bill 312)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Sentence", said new section to be known as Section 726A and to follow immediately after Section 726 thereof, relating to the suspending of sentence and placing on probation by the Circuit Courts for Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot Counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Sentence", said new section to be known as Section 726A and to follow immediately after Section 726 thereof, and to read as follows:

726A. The Circuit Courts for Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot Counties, comprising the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland, before conviction of any person accused of crime, with the written consent of the person so accused, including persons appealing from convictions before Trial Magistrates, whether a minor or an adult; and after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, without such consent, are empowered, during the term of court in which such consent, conviction or plea is had, to:

- (1) Suspend the imposition of sentence; and/or*
- (2) Place such person on probation without finding a verdict; and*
- (3) Make such conditions of suspension of sentence and probation as the court may deem proper.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 18, 1955.

CHAPTER 437

(Senate Bill 313)

AN ACT adding Sections 126A to 126V, inclusive, to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "State Roads", said new sections to be under a new sub-title "Northeastern Expressway Revenue Bonds", and to follow immediately after Section 126 of said Article; providing for the construction, maintenance, repair and operation of the Northeastern Expressway by the State Roads Commission; AUTHORIZING THE COM-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.