

the merit system law, subject to transfer from one institution to another by the Department of Mental Hygiene, provided the superintendents of the respective institutions agree to the transfer and provided that no reduction in salary is made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

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CHAPTER 557

(Senate Bill 655)

AN ACT to add new Section 185(c) to the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Sheriff" to follow immediately after Section 185(b) thereof, as last amended by Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1965; authorizing the Sheriff of St. Mary's County to appoint additional deputy sheriffs to serve at his pleasure and without compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 185(c) be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Sheriff" to follow immediately after Section 185(b) thereof, as last amended by Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1965, to read as follows:

185(c)

*Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section, the sheriff may appoint such additional deputies as he may deem necessary, such deputies to serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff and without compensation.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

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CHAPTER 558

(Senate Bill 665)

AN ACT to add new Sections 19C and 19D to Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Lunatics and Insane", subtitle "Department of Mental Hygiene", to follow immediately after Section 19B thereof, establishing a center and hospital for psychiatric research to be known as the "Maryland Psychiatric Research Center" and generally providing