

gram, if any, and shall contain such other information as the Department or the Commissioner may require. The warden or superintendent may, in his discretion, recommend such application to the Commissioner. The Commissioner, or, in his absence, his designee may approve, disapprove, or defer action on said recommendation. In the event of approval the Commissioner or his designee shall adopt a "work release plan" for such prisoner which shall contain such terms and conditions as may be necessary and proper; and such plan shall be signed by the prisoner prior to his participation in the program. At any time after approval has been granted, it may be revoked for any reason by the Commissioner.

*(g) The court sentencing any person to the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction may recommend, in its discretion, that such prisoner be given immediate consideration by said Department for placement on the "work release" program. Such recommendation shall not have binding effect upon the Department.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 552

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 249 (b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 26. University of Maryland," to increase the number of Regents of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland and to provide the manner of selection of those members of said Board to represent the interests of agriculture in the State including the filling of vacancies; TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF SELECTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 47 and 47A (b), (c) and (d) of Article 66C of said Code (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Agriculture," subheading "In General," to provide for a standing Committee on Agricultural Activities of the State Board of Agriculture and to regulate its composition, to provide for a Vice-President of the State Board of Agriculture who shall have certain primary duties; to change the name and composition of the Agricultural Advisory Board of Maryland to the Maryland Agricultural Commission; to regulate the number and place of meetings of the Maryland Agricultural Commission and to require a minimum number of annual co-meetings with the State Board of Agriculture; to authorize the Maryland Agricultural Commission to elect certain officers from its body and to employ a full time Executive Secretary; to describe the minimum duties of said Executive Secretary and to provide funds to defray the expenses of his office and relating generally to the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland and the agricultural interests of the State.