

HOUSE BILL 1265

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prisoner Labor Pay**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the compensation rate for inmate labor in Maryland
4 Correctional Enterprises to be not less than the State minimum wage; and generally
5 relating to compensation for inmate labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Correctional Services
8 Section 3–514
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Correctional Services**

14 3–514.

15 (a) **(1)** [The] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
16 Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer shall establish the compensation rate for inmate
17 labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises, taking into consideration other wage
18 payments and incentives in other programs.

19 **(2) THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR INMATE LABOR IN MARYLAND**
20 **CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE**
21 **UNDER § 3–413(C) OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) After review by the Management Council, and after consideration of any
2 recommendation by the Chief Executive Officer, the Commissioner shall adopt regulations
3 in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article that govern the
4 method and time of compensation payments.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2019.