

SB 184 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/14/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish program allowing inmates to manufacture handiworks that may be sold to the public. Removes provision requiring handiworks be sold only at DOC institutions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Updates language to allow for use of modern technology
- Discussion of types of handiwork

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Superintendent of the Department of Corrections (DOC) has discretion to allow inmates to manufacture small articles of handiwork that may be sold to the public at a DOC institution. Senate Bill 184 modifies current law to permit DOC to establish a program for this purpose. SB 184 removes the requirement that handiworks may only be sold to the public at DOC institutions. Finally, SB 184 makes minor technical changes.