

# HOUSE BILL 1418

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Justice Reinvestment Act – Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain designee who may conduct a certain assessment to  
4 be certified or licensed, rather than certified and licensed; providing that a certain  
5 court may grant a certain application without a hearing, but may not deny an  
6 application without a hearing; authorizing a certain person serving a certain term of  
7 confinement for an offense relating to drug distribution or volume dealing in cocaine  
8 base imposed on or before a certain date to file a certain motion to modify or reduce  
9 the sentence under certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law excluding  
10 certain sex offender registrants from eligibility for a certain geriatric parole;  
11 repealing a certain incorrect statutory reference; altering a certain incorrect  
12 statutory reference; repealing a requirement that a certain person file a certain  
13 petition in a certain court under certain circumstances; altering a provision relating  
14 to the expiration of the terms of certain members of the Justice Reinvestment  
15 Oversight Board; making conforming changes; providing for the effective date of this  
16 Act; and generally relating to justice reinvestment.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Criminal Law  
19 Section 5–601(e)(1), 5–609.1, and 14–101(f)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)  
22 (As enacted by Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Criminal Law  
25 Section 5–612.1  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Criminal Procedure  
2 Section 10–110(a) and (b)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)  
5 (As enacted by Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
8 Section 10

9 SECTION 1. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
10 as follows:

11 **Article – Criminal Law**

12 5–601.

13 (e) (1) (i) Before imposing a sentence under subsection (c) of this section,  
14 the court may order the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or a certified [and] OR  
15 licensed designee to conduct an assessment of the defendant for substance use disorder and  
16 determine whether the defendant is in need of and may benefit from drug treatment.

17 (ii) If an assessment for substance use disorder is requested by the  
18 defendant and the court denies the request, the court shall state on the record the basis for  
19 the denial.

20 5–609.1.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (c) of  
22 this section, a person who is serving a term of confinement that includes a mandatory  
23 minimum sentence imposed on or before September 30, 2017, for a violation of §§ 5–602  
24 through 5–606 of this subtitle may apply to the court to modify or reduce the mandatory  
25 minimum sentence as provided in Maryland Rule 4–345, regardless of whether the  
26 defendant filed a timely motion for reconsideration or a motion for reconsideration was  
27 denied by the court.

28 (b) The court may modify the sentence and depart from the mandatory minimum  
29 sentence unless the State shows that, giving due regard to the nature of the crime, the  
30 history and character of the defendant, and the defendant’s chances of successful  
31 rehabilitation:

32 (1) retention of the mandatory minimum sentence would not result in  
33 substantial injustice to the defendant; and

34 (2) the mandatory minimum sentence is necessary for the protection of the  
35 public.

1 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an application  
2 [for a hearing] under subsection (a) of this section shall be submitted to the court or review  
3 panel on or before September 30, 2018.

4 (2) The court may consider an application after September 30, 2018, only  
5 for good cause shown.

6 (3) The court shall notify the State's Attorney of [a request for a hearing]  
7 **THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION.**

8 **(4) THE COURT MAY GRANT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING,**  
9 **BUT MAY NOT DENY AN APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING.**

10 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** A person may not file more than one application [for a hearing]  
11 under subsection (a) of this section for a mandatory minimum sentence for a violation of §§  
12 5-602 through 5-606 of this subtitle.

13 **5-612.1.**

14 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SUBJECT TO**  
15 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO IS SERVING A TERM OF**  
16 **CONFINEMENT THAT INCLUDES A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE IMPOSED ON OR**  
17 **BEFORE, FOR A VIOLATION OF § 5-612 OF THIS SUBTITLE INVOLVING LESS THAN 448**  
18 **GRAMS OF COCAINE BASE MAY APPLY TO THE COURT TO MODIFY OR REDUCE THE**  
19 **MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE AS PROVIDED IN MARYLAND RULE 4-345,**  
20 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEFENDANT FILED A TIMELY MOTION FOR**  
21 **RECONSIDERATION OR A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION WAS DENIED BY THE**  
22 **COURT.**

23 **(B) THE COURT MAY MODIFY THE SENTENCE AND DEPART FROM THE**  
24 **MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE UNLESS THE STATE SHOWS THAT, GIVING DUE**  
25 **REGARD TO THE NATURE OF THE CRIME, THE HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE**  
26 **DEFENDANT, AND THE DEFENDANT'S CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION:**

27 **(1) RETENTION OF THE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE WOULD**  
28 **NOT RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL INJUSTICE TO THE DEFENDANT; AND**

29 **(2) THE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE**  
30 **PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC.**

31 **(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
32 **AN APPLICATION SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE**  
33 **COURT OR REVIEW PANEL ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.**

1           **(2) THE COURT MAY CONSIDER AN APPLICATION AFTER SEPTEMBER**  
2 **30, 2018, ONLY FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.**

3           **(3) THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF THE**  
4 **FILING OF AN APPLICATION.**

5           **(4) THE COURT MAY GRANT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING,**  
6 **BUT MAY NOT DENY AN APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING.**

7           **(5) A PERSON MAY NOT FILE MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION UNDER**  
8 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR A**  
9 **VIOLATION OF § 5-612 OF THIS SUBTITLE INVOLVING LESS THAN 448 GRAMS OF**  
10 **COCAINE BASE.**

11 14-101.

12           (f) (1) [This subsection does not apply to a person registered or eligible for  
13 registration under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

14           (2)] A person sentenced under this section may petition for and be granted  
15 parole if the person:

16                           (i) is at least 60 years old; and

17                           (ii) has served at least 15 years of the sentence imposed under this  
18 section.

19           **[(3)] (2)** The Maryland Parole Commission shall adopt regulations to  
20 implement this subsection.

## 21   **Article – Criminal Procedure**

22 10-110.

23           (a) A person may file a petition listing relevant facts for expungement of a police  
24 record, court record, or other record maintained by the State or a political subdivision of  
25 the State if the person is convicted of a misdemeanor that is a violation of:

26                           (1) § 6-320 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article;

27                           (2) an offense listed in § 17-613(a) of the Business Occupations and  
28 Professions Article;

29                           (3) § 5-712, § 19-304, § 19-308, or Title 5, Subtitle 6 or Subtitle 9 of the  
30 Business Regulation Article;

- 1 (4) § 3–1508 or § 10–402 of the Courts Article;
- 2 (5) § 14–1915, § 14–2902, or § 14–2903 of the Commercial Law Article;
- 3 (6) § 5–211 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
- 4 (7) § 3–203 or § 3–808 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 5 (8) § 5–601, § 5–618, § 5–619, § 5–620, § 5–703, § 5–708, or § 5–902 of the  
6 Criminal Law Article;
- 7 (9) § 6–105, § 6–108, § 6–206, § 6–303, § 6–306, § 6–307, § 6–402, or §  
8 6–503 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 9 (10) § 7–104, § 7–203, § 7–205, § 7–304, § 7–308, or § 7–309 of the Criminal  
10 Law Article;
- 11 (11) § 8–103, § 8–206, § 8–401, § 8–402, § 8–404, § 8–406, § 8–408, § 8–503,  
12 § 8–521, § 8–523, or § 8–904 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 13 (12) § 9–204, § 9–205, § 9–503, or § 9–506 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 14 (13) § 10–110, § 10–201, § 10–402, **OR** § 10–404[, or § 10–502] of the  
15 Criminal Law Article;
- 16 (14) § 11–306(a) of the Criminal Law Article;
- 17 (15) § 12–102, § 12–103, § 12–104, § 12–105, § 12–109, § 12–203, § 12–204,  
18 § 12–205, or § 12–302 of the Criminal Law Article;
- 19 (16) § 13–401, § 13–602, or § 16–201 of the Election Law Article;
- 20 (17) § 4–509 of the Family Law Article;
- 21 (18) § 18–215 of the Health – General Article;
- 22 (19) § 4–411 or § 4–2005 of the [Human Services] **HOUSING AND**  
23 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Article;
- 24 (20) § 27–403, § 27–404, § 27–405, § 27–406, § 27–406.1, § 27–407, §  
25 27–407.1, or § 27–407.2 of the Insurance Article;
- 26 (21) § 5–307, § 5–308, § 6–602, § 7–402, or § 14–114 of the Public Safety  
27 Article;
- 28 (22) § 7–318.1, § 7–509, or § 10–507 of the Real Property Article;

1 (23) § 9–124 of the State Government Article;

2 (24) § 13–1001, § 13–1004, § 13–1007, or § 13–1024 of the Tax – General  
3 Article;

4 (25) the common law offenses of affray, rioting, criminal contempt, or  
5 hindering; or

6 (26) an attempt, a conspiracy, or a solicitation of any offense listed in items  
7 (1) through (25) of this subsection.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a person  
9 shall file a petition for expungement in the court in which the proceeding began.

10 (2) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if] **IF**  
11 the proceeding began in one court and was transferred to another court, the person shall  
12 file the petition in the court to which the proceeding was transferred.

13 [(ii) If the proceeding began in one court and was transferred to the  
14 juvenile court under § 4–202 or § 4–202.2 of this article, the person shall file the petition in  
15 the court of original jurisdiction from which the order of transfer was entered.]

16 (3) (i) If the proceeding in a court of original jurisdiction was appealed  
17 to a court exercising appellate jurisdiction, the person shall file the petition in the appellate  
18 court.

19 (ii) The appellate court may remand the matter to the court of  
20 original jurisdiction.

## 21 Chapter 515 of the Acts of 2016

22 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial  
23 appointed members of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board shall expire as follows:

24 (1) two members in 2017;

25 (2) two members in 2018;

26 (3) [two] **THREE** members in 2019; and

27 (4) [two] **THREE** members in 2020.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That of this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2017, the effective date of Section 2 of Chapter 515 of the Acts of the General  
30 Assembly of 2016. If the effective date of Section 2 of Chapter 515 is amended, of this Act  
31 shall take effect on the taking effect of Section 2 of Chapter 515.