

a person must be sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of parole after having been imprisoned for committing certain crimes on certain previous occasions; and making this Act contingent upon the enactment of another measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 643B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 643B of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

643B.

(a) As used in this section, the term "crime of violence" means abduction; arson; kidnapping; manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter; mayhem; murder; rape; [and] robbery; SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE; AND SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE or an attempt to commit any of these offences.

(b) Any person who has served three separate terms of confinement in a correctional institution as a result of three separate convictions of any crime of violence shall be sentenced, on being convicted a fourth time of a crime of violence, to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Regardless of any other law to the contrary, the provisions of this section are mandatory.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall become effective only upon the passage of Senate Bill 358. If that Act fails of enactment, this measure is null and void without the need of further action by the General Assembly of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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