

offense, a court exercising criminal jurisdiction, if satisfied that the best interests of the person and the welfare of the people of the State would be served thereby, and with the written consent of the person after determination of guilt or acceptance of a nolo contendere plea, may stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place the person on probation subject to reasonable terms and conditions as appropriate. The terms and conditions may include ordering the person TO PAY A FINE OR PECUNIARY PENALTY TO THE STATE, OR to make restitution, but before the court orders A FINE, PECUNIARY PENALTY, OR restitution the person is entitled to notice and a hearing to determine the amount of THE FINE, PECUNIARY PENALTY, OR restitution, what payment will be required, and how payment will be made. The terms and conditions also may include[,] any type of rehabilitation program or clinic, or similar program, or the parks program or voluntary hospital program.

(II) However, when the offense for which the judgment is being stayed is for violation of section 21-902(a) or 21-902(b) of the Transportation Article, the court shall impose a period of probation and as a condition thereof require the person to participate in an alcohol treatment or education program approved by the Administrative Office of the Court as a condition of the probation, unless the court finds and affirmatively states on the record that the interests of the person and the people of the State do not require the imposition of this condition.

(III) ANY FINE OR PECUNIARY PENALTY IMPOSED AS A TERM OR CONDITION OF PROBATION SHALL BE WITHIN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR A VIOLATION RESULTING IN CONVICTION.

(2) By consenting to and receiving a stay of entering of the judgment as provided by this subsection, the person waives the right to appeal from the judgment of guilt by the court at any time. Prior to the person consenting to the stay of entering of the judgment, the court shall notify the person that by consenting to and receiving a stay of entry of judgment, he waives the right to appeal from the judgment of guilt by the court at any time.

(b) Upon violation of a term or condition of probation, the court may enter judgment and proceed with disposition of the person as if the person had not been placed on probation.

(c) Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall discharge the person from probation. The discharge is final disposition of the matter. Discharge of a person under this section shall be without judgment of conviction and is not a conviction for purposes of any disqualification or disability imposed by law because of conviction of crime.