

violence, to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Regardless of any other law to the contrary, the provisions of this section are mandatory.

(c) Any person who (1) has been convicted on two separate occasions of a crime of violence where the convictions do not arise from a single incident, and (2) has served at least one term of confinement in a correctional institution as a result of a conviction of a crime of violence, shall be sentenced, on being convicted a third time of a crime of violence, to imprisonment for the term allowed by law, but, in any event, not less than 25 years. Neither the sentence nor any part of it may be suspended, and the person shall not be eligible for parole except in accordance with the provisions of Article 31B, § 11. A SEPARATE OCCASION SHALL BE CONSIDERED ONE IN WHICH THE SECOND OR SUCCEEDING OFFENSE IS COMMITTED AFTER THERE HAS BEEN A CHARGING DOCUMENT FILED FOR THE PRECEDING OCCASION.

(d) If the State intends to proceed against a person as a subsequent offender under this section, it shall comply with the procedures set forth in the Maryland Rules for the indictment and trial of a subsequent offender.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 25, 1982.

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CHAPTER 480

(House Bill 543)

AN ACT concerning

Pistols and Revolvers - Crimes of Violence

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of a "crime of violence" as used in the laws regulating pistols and revolvers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 441(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)